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Thousand households sign up to Big Switch

MORE than a thousand households are hoping to save hundreds of pounds on their energy bills after signing up for Walsall Council's Big Switch Scheme.

The project, run in partnership with energy group, iChooor, has seen Walsall residents come together in search of a better deal.

Similar schemes have been introduced by other local authorities, including Wolverhampton.

Auction

Regeneration boss Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "There's been a great response to Walsall's first ever involvement in the energy switch auction, with more than 1,050 residents coming together in search of a better deal on their gas and electricity supplies.

Altogether, more than 24,000 households country-wide have registered for the initiative during this period, which aims to help people find better tariffs by collectively negotiating a better deal with suppliers via their local authority.

Those who signed up will now be sent a no-obligation offer with a suggested tariff, those who choose to not accept it can sign up along with other residents for the next round of bidding on July 15.

Post office open longer

A BUSY post office in Walsall will be refurbished and have its opening hours extended from next month.

The Crescent Post Office, in Broadway North, Churcley, will be closed on July 5 for refurbishment work to take place.

It will reveal its new look the next day and its opening hours will then extend to 66 per week, up from the current 41.

The scheme forms part of the Post Office's plans to modernise the network and extend opening hours. The branch will open earlier and close later each day.

ACTION CALL FOR DANGEROUS ROAD

Report by Tom Mason



COUNCILLORS are calling for action on a dangerous stretch of road that they claim is being used like 'Brands Hatch' and has been the scene of several crashes.

One resident has had eight cars written off by insurers after cars collided with her parked vehicle in Coalpool Lane.

It is one of the borough's worst accident blackspots with drivers regularly striking residents' cars parked on the side of the road.

Last weekend a resident's parked Peugeot 206 was thrown more than 50 yards through the air and into a hedge after being struck by a black Alfa Romeo, whose driver then fled the scene.

The owner of the Peugeot, trainee nurse Sue Corley, said it was her eighth car that had been written off in smashes on the road outside her home. She says she is going to move because of the incidents.

Insurance

The 44-year-old, who has lived in Coalpool Lane for more than 20 years, said: "I'm moving in two months because I can't take it anymore. It's horrid. My insurance is going through the roof."

Another angry resident 49-year-old carpet fitter Anthony Halls has seen two of his vans written off.

Blakennall ward Councillor Bob Thomas said: "The stretch of road that runs alongside the cemetery seems to be used by some motorists as a fast track."

"The council introduced a strip of resident parking effectively narrowing the road but it doesn't have had the desired effect.

Blakennall Councillor Pete Smith added: "Some motorists treat Coalpool Lane as if it was Brands Hatch."

"I have been involved in trying to get the council to do something about the road, unfortunately without much success."

"I think something needs must be done. I would like to see very prominent 30 mph per hour signs and slow down signs before the bends, as well as illuminated signs telling people if they are speeding."

Transport museum can stay

A TRANSPORT museum will be allowed to stay in Aldridge and open more frequently after councillors backed plans. Aston Manor Road Transport Museum was given permission to convert commercial premises in Shenstone Drive, Aldridge.

It's carnival time



Ready for Willenhall Carnival on Saturday are Queen Laura Weston and Rosebud Georgia Forrest. Attractions at the Memorial Park will include a mind reader, children's entertainer, go-karts, a fun fair and even a mini zoo

MOTHER-of-two Laura Weston will officially be crowned Willenhall Carnival Queen on Saturday – after 12 years trying to become the town's monarch of festivities.

The 23-year-old has been going to the annual show with her family since she was a young girl. She had applied to be queen for the past 12 years but lost out. However, she will at last get her place on the throne aboard the main float when the carnival comes to town on Saturday.

She had previously served as a rosebud and a maid of honour. "But I'd always wanted to be the queen," she said.

"Now it's here I'm really excited about it." She and this year's rosebud Georgia Foster visited the carnival site in the town's Memorial Park this week to issue a rallying cry.

Other carnival royalty assisting on the big day will be munchkins Ashley Copson,

aged seven, nine-year-old Zack Shelton, and

six-year-old Ruby Moore. Five-year-olds

Cody Copson and Ella Williams will be the carnival cherubs.

The fun starts at 11am and there will be a

host of attractions at the park. Entry is £1

and 50p concessions.

Meeting to discuss the closure of youth base

RESIDENTS angered by plans to close a youth venue in Aldridge will be given a chance to have their say at a meeting tonight (Thursday).

Talks held by Walsall Council and the Integrated Youth Support Service are due to take place from 6pm at Aldridge Manor House in Little Aston Road, Aldridge.

The Manor House is due to close in August following a review by Walsall Council found that money could be saved by closing the site.

Councillor Barbara Cassidy, the Labour group's spokesperson for children's services, said the council had failed to properly consult youngsters, parents and the wider community.

She said "Its reliance on social media such as Facebook and Twitter to inform people has been about as effective as sending out notices by carrier pigeons."

"This is just another example of the council's appalling record on consultation, of pushing through policies without giving enough notice or listening to the concerns of local communities."

Councillor Rachel Andrew, the council's children's services chief, said: "Although the building will be closing, youth work will still be provided to young people in these areas. We are committed to supporting young people."

Funeral of councillor

FUNERAL arrangements have been announced for former Mayor of Walsall and long-serving councillor Tom Ansell.

The funeral will take place on Friday, June 21, with a cortège leaving the family home at 9.45am.

It will pass Walsall Town Hall before arriving at St Matthew's Church for a 10.30am service. A private cremation will follow.

It will be family flowers only with donations to Golden Wishes, one of the charities supported by Councillor Ansell during his time as mayor.

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Jail warning to EDL supporter over protest

AN ENGLISH Defence League supporter who shouted abuse and used threatening behaviour during a demonstration in Walsall has been warned he could face a jail term.

Jack Beasley travelled from Durham to take part in the protest which brought Walsall town centre to a standstill on September 29.

Miss Rhiannon Jones, prosecuting, told last week's hearing at Walsall Magistrates Court that the 23-year-old also allegedly threw a 'missile' towards police.

Beasley was seen on CCTV pointing aggressively at police and swearing and Miss Jones said footage also showed him picking up materials from the floor near a pub, including a piece of wood.

She told the court: "There are two photographs of the defendant apparently throwing an object at what would be towards police lines."

Beasley was arrested at the scene and made no comment during interviews.

Miss Jones said Beasley was a

member of the South Shields EDL division.

Beasley, of Cedar Road, Bishop Auckland, initially denied using threatening words or behaviour with the intent to cause fear or provoke unlawful violence. But he changed his plea to guilty on the day of his trial.

When asked whether he threw anything at police, he said: "I didn't throw no missiles."

District Judge Michael Morris adjourned the hearing for a pre-sen-

tence report to be prepared. He told Beasley: "Your level of violence was such that I need to consider all sentencing options, including a prison sentence."

"I'm also considering making a criminal anti-social behaviour order."

The case was adjourned until July 9 and Beasley was released on conditional bail.

In September last year trouble flared during an EDL rally in Leicestershire Street.

Arboretum water park open longer

OPENING hours have been extended at Walsall Arboretum's new £250,000 water feature following pleas from visitors.

Parents asked for the new water feature, which replaced the park's historic lido, to be open for longer.

Opening hours had originally been restricted to weekends and school holidays but the feature will now be open Monday to Friday.

Parents had said they wanted to see it open in nice weather during the week so it can be used by pre-school children.

The new splash pad and water jets proved an instant hit with visitors when they opened last month.

Leisure chief Councillor Anthony Harris said the decision had been made after staff chatted to visitors.

"We're thrilled to see so many people have been enjoying the super new splash pad and water feature," he added.

Hospital has extra £75k to ease pressure

A £75,000 cash pot has been made available to help cope with ongoing pressures at Walsall Manor Hospital.

An extended period of problems usually associated with the winter months, including the sickness bug norovirus, has hit the Moat Road hospital.

Bosses have agreed to make the cash available should it be needed. It could be used, among other things, to draft in extra staff.

Jayne Tunstall, chief operating officer at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "Additional expenditure has been put in place to ensure that we can cope with pressures as and when they may arise throughout the month of June."

It comes after it was revealed waiting times at hospital accident and emergency units have reached a nine-year high.

Seaside trip

THE WS3 Friends of Walsall Hospice will be heading out on a day trip to Southport later this month.

It costs £12 and profits will be handed over to Walsall Hospice.

The trip is open to anyone who wants to go along. For details contact councillor Kath Phillips on 01922 479949.

Saddlers fans who incited trouble face potential ban

FOOTBALL banning orders will be sought against two Walsall fans who tried to incite violence at the Banks's Stadium.

Saddlers supporters Daniel Arrowsmith, of Willenhall, and Joshua Jessop, of Blakenall, tried to stir up trouble following a match between Walsall and Bury on April 20, a court heard. Mrs Kelly Crowe, prosecuting, said the pair went onto the pitch after the last game of the season, which ended in a 1-1 draw, and stood gesturing towards Bury fans.

She said: "It's common practice for the supporters to run onto the pitch. It's usually to congratulate players."

"They stood at the edge of the goal line gesturing towards the Bury supporters trying to initiate a fight and incite violence."

Walsall Magistrates Court heard last week that they were pictured on CCTV and police quickly arrested the pair.

Matches

Mrs Crowe said Jessop had already entered into a football acceptable behaviour contract in September last year which ordered him not to cause harassment, alarm or distress to anyone attending football matches.

She said the Crown Prosecution Service would be making applications for football banning orders in relation to both defendants.

Arrowsmith, aged 21, of Douglas Davies Close, Willenhall, and Jessop, 18, of Well Lane, Blakenall, each pleaded guilty to a charge of using threatening words or behaviour to cause harassment, alarm or distress.

Mr Brij Choudhury, representing Arrowsmith, said the application for a football banning order was likely to be contested and requested an adjournment. Jessop was not represented.

Both defendants were allowed unconditional bail until their next appearance at the same court on June 19.

RESIDENTS are inundating Walsall councillors with calls saying they are already in rent arrears because of the bedroom tax.

Councillor Pete Smith says he has received a 'stream of calls' from residents who say they are more than £100 in arrears since the tax came into force.

Although figures for housing tenants' arrears since the 'spare room subsidy' came in effect are not yet available for Walsall, Councillor Smith says he has had calls from worried residents from his own Blakenall ward and beyond.

The new rules see 14 per cent of a tenant's housing benefit removed if they have one spare bedroom and 25 per cent if they have two or more.

Democratic Labour party member Councillor Smith is compiling a file of those affected so he can pass on any relevant information.

"It is absolutely imperative that as much pressure as possible is exerted on all the political parties as this disgraceful 'tax on the poor' is hitting people much harder than even the poll tax did over 20 years ago," he added.

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Customers dig deep for Tommy

Walsall boy Tommy Brown, with, from left, his mother Julie Tuckley, 37, sister Demi Sheppard, 18 and Tanya Greenfield, 52, owner of the Copper Kettle cafe in Cannock

THE owner of a tea shop has thanked the public for their generous donations to help a Walsall boy who had both legs amputated.

Staff and customers at the Copper Kettle on Market Hall Street in Cannock have donated more than £250 to the Tommy Brown fund.

The 19-month-old youngster contracted meningococcal septicaemia aged five months and doctors were forced to amputate both his lower legs, his right hand and some of the fingers on his left hand.

Cafe owner Tanya Greenfield decided she

wanted to do something to help earlier this year and began collecting for the fund. Tanya, 52, said: "Together both staff and customers have managed to raise a fantastic amount, which just goes to show how generous people are in Cannock."

"Every day new people would come into the shop and give money without even thinking twice. We didn't expect to raise this much and are all so pleased with our efforts."

"This is definitely something I will be doing at the Copper Kettle again," she added.

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Cemetery scheme is starting

WORK has finally started on a stalled road scheme which will pave the way for a new 32,000-plot cemetery near Brownhills, following five months of delays.

Engineers from BT have started 16 weeks of improvements connected to Springhill Cemetery, which has sold 4,000 plots months in advance of its opening.

The project was meant to begin in the new year. The roadworks come after bosses at the cemetery were told to stop work on the site itself. Lichfield District Council said that work had started without proper permission.

Delayed

Kamran Saleem, sales and administration manager for Springhill Cemetery Group on the Walsall Road, said they 'downded tools' when the notice was given, and had been only maintaining the grassland since.

BT had been due to start laying phone lines on April 15 but the telephone company was delayed. When BT complete their works National Grid will install power cables. Utilities companies will move onto the site before a new road island is constructed.

"We will be allowed to start work on the site once the road island is in place," said Mr Saleem.

Night market next month

TRADERS, entertainers and a sponsor are being sought for Walsall's third night market.

It will be held in the town centre on Thursday, July 25, from 5pm to 9pm.

It follows two other successful night markets in March and October. Traders who attended those events have been contacted but others can get involved.

At the first event in October around 55 stallholders took part, while around 70 turned out for the second despite bad weather.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, Walsall Council's regeneration boss, said: "I'm very proud of the night market and the impact it has had on the town. It has successfully drawn a new range of shoppers into Walsall town centre."

Walsall Council's town centre management team organise the event, which has attracted an average of 1,500 people and won the title of Best Speciality Market of the Year 2013.

Elderly woman's son charged with murder



Lilian Henderson

A MAN accused of killing his elderly mother in Walsall appeared in court on Monday charged with her murder.

Ian Henderson, aged 61, of Stephenson Avenue, is charged with murdering 86-year-old Lilian at the home they shared on the Beechdale estate.

He appeared at Walsall Magistrates by video link to be formally informed of the charge and to

confirm his name, age and address while he is remanded at Hewell Prison in Redditch.

Henderson was arrested in March after his mother was found at their home with head injuries.

Plea

She was taken to hospital but later died of her injuries.

Henderson was due to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court yes-

terday morning (Wednesday) where he was expected to enter a plea.

Mrs Henderson was airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham after she was discovered with head injuries on March 13.

A police cordon was put in place around the house and a blue forensic tent put up in the back garden.

Residents said they were woken by the sound of an air ambulance landing outside the house.

Neighbours of Mrs Henderson said she was a widow and walked with the aid of a frame and had difficulty getting around.

She had lived on the estate for a number of years.

People who lived nearby spoke of their shock at the news of her death.

Henderson had been due to appear before a court on Friday but the hearing was delayed due to strike action by court staff.

NEWS

in brief

Learning Lisa is top self-improver

A MOTHER from Walsall has scooped a national award, recognising her determination to improve her life through learning.

Walsall Housing Group employee Lisa Edwards, of Blakenall, attended the Adult Learners' Week Awards Ceremony in Leicester to collect her award from the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education.

After taking up a Zumba class, the 32-year-old then tackled first aid, money matters, confident parenting, and gained formal qualifications.

Extra-car homes get the green light

AN EXTRA-CARE housing complex will transform a rundown former engineering site in Walsall, creating 50 jobs.

An outline planning application was passed at a Walsall Council planning meeting last week to demolish existing industrial buildings at the former British Lion Works site, in Forest Lane, near Coalpool.

A 60-apartment care scheme is earmarked for the site.

Memories sought for college event

WALSALL College is inviting former students to share their memories and success stories to coincide with its 60th birthday on Saturday, June 22.

The college will be holding a community open day and a video diary room will be set up enabling visitors to capture their thoughts on film to form an audio-visual guestbook.

Housing estate to hold a big party

THERE will be a 1950s theme for Beedehill's housing estate's 60th birthday celebrations next month.

A range of entertainment, raffles and tombolas will take place for the anniversary. It takes place in Stephenson Square on June 29 from noon and attractions also include free candy floss and face painting.

Malvern ramble

WALSALL Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Chase End Hill, near Malvern, for a 7.5 mile circular walk on Sunday.

Non-members are welcome. Contact the walk leader on 0121 353 4102.

Hundreds hit the road for a fun run in the sun

THE SERIOUS and the silly ran side by side in an annual fun run that took place in brilliant sunshine. Hundreds of people converged on Aldridge for the 10k challenge, now in its 22nd year.

Mayor of Walsall Councillor Mohammed Nazir officially set the runners on their way when around 500 adults and youngsters took their places on the start line at the Sticket and Wicket Cricket Club before running through the streets of the town on a spectacularly sunny Sunday, urged on by cheering spectators who lined the roads.

First home was Richard Burman, of Lichfield, who won the race in a time of 33 minutes and 39 seconds. Kerry Schofield was the first woman home after 43 minutes and 33 seconds, knocking three and a half minutes off her time in last year's race.

Many athletes took part with colleagues from running clubs around the area. Among them were members of Birchfield Harriers, Sneyd Striders, Lichfield Running Club and Birmingham University. The race was organised by Aldridge Running Club, whose members marshalled the event.

Blindfold

Many others ran to raise funds for charity. They included Inspector Felicity Keane, of Aldridge Police, who was raising money for local cause Rosie's Helping Hands.

Charity worker Laura Wells also took part in the run. She was in a blindfold and wore ear defenders to raise funds for a deaf-blind man from Walsall. The support worker from Action on Hearing Loss aims to raise £6,000 for a special keyboard which will enable him to digitally translate Braille. Guide runners Andrew Woodhams and Ben Poulton led her around the course.

There was also a highly popular children's 4.3k event. First boy home was Robert Peacock, aged 10, of Pelsall, and first girl was Libby Dunne, 13, of Lichfield.

Aldridge Club member and publicity officer Ian Moreton Jones said: "The day went extremely well. The weather was great and everyone seemed to have a good time.

"As club members we didn't run because we were organising and marshalling but we'll probably run the course on Tuesday at our club night."

Poppy walk invite

ENTRIES are being sought for an annual fundraising poppy run in October to support The Royal British Legion.

The Aldridge Poppy Run and Walk will be on October 26 at Aldridge Airport. To sign up, call Karen Waple on 07729 278003.



On your marks, get set, go! Runners set off at the start of the 22nd Aldridge 10K run



Race winner Richard Burman, of Lichfield



Children's run winner Robert Peacock

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NEWS

**THE BEST
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RHODES**

AND off to that great English institution, the agricultural show, where townies gawp at what goes on in the countryside. I had great sympathy for the line of pedigree rams who waited nervously for a judge to reach between their hind legs and squeeze their testicles. They reacted exactly as you would expect by trying to leap out of their ring. You don't see that sort of thing at the Mr Universe competition.

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THE one thing missing from our local show was that essential part of modern life, a punch-up. Whacking total strangers for no particular reason, preferably in front of terrified children, is very fashionable. In the last few days alone, a village dog show in Kent descended into screaming matches and fist fights with punches being thrown at teenage volunteers. Some folk objected to their pooches not getting rosettes while others were unhappy at the parking arrangements. There was a punch-up, too, at the gates of an infant school in Cornwall. A row which began between two mothers escalated to the point where police had to use pepper spray to arrest a man who was attacking a woman.

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A READER tells me he was waiting at the lights when the car in front suddenly reversed into his car. The other driver was contrite and polite, exchanged details and said: "Don't report it to your insurance company; just send me the bill." Next thing he knew was that the other driver was claiming my reader had driven into him, causing him whiplash. To his fury, his insurer is proposing to settle what sounds like a deliberately staged incident on a 50:50 basis.

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IF YOU think Britain's had a property crash, consider the apartment spotted for sale by a reader just back from Menorca. It has been reduced from 230,000 euros to 100,000 euros.

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WE are presumably supposed to be horrified or amused at the survey showing that some children think fish fingers contain chicken, and that cheese comes from plants. So here's one for us grown-ups. Question: what are hamburgers made of? Answer: we'll tell you when we get the DNA results.

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SLEAZE in Parliament is like dust under the sofa. You suspect it's there all the time but you're still shocked at the quantity. As cash-for-questions raises its ugly head again, isn't it time for constituency associations to get a grip? They are the local party committees who select prospective MPs to represent the interests of local people. They hope their new MP will rage in Westminster against the disgraceful housing conditions on the Slagthorpe Estate. Instead, he is suddenly asking suspiciously well-informed questions in the House about Moldavian gold mines, Moroccan fishing-tackle imports and subsidies to veal producers in Iceland. Alarm bells should ring. The constituency association should then summon its MP and ask what the hell he's playing at, who's paying him and how does he fancy being deselected?

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BAD news for anyone hoping to boldly go where no man has gone before. Nasa has calculated that the long space flight to Mars could expose astronauts to high levels of radiation which could cause cancer. Imagine the compensation they might have to pay. Dan Dare defeated the Mekon and Dr Who saw off the Daleks but mankind's real-life exploration of space may come to a juddering halt in an adventure called Nasa and the No Win/No Fee Lawyers.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Rethink demand over rail line decision

COUNCIL bosses are demanding the Government intervenes over Network Rail's failure to deliver speed improvements on the Walsall to Rugeley line, one of the fastest-growing commuter routes in the country.

The rail company had promised an upgrade from 45mph to 75mph by the end of this year but now says the improvements will have to wait another four years, until 2017.

A special budget of £5.4 million had been set aside for the work in the Chancellor's autumn statement. London Midland, which operates the line, says it will no longer be able to bring in planned upgrades in services without the funding.

Cannock Council's transport leader Gordon Alcott called Network Rail's U-turn 'unaccept-

able.' He is calling on the Government to reverse the decision.

The Chase line has seen a massive growth in use, more than four times higher than increases elsewhere in the country in the past 12 months.

Nationally train travel is up by seven per cent compared to a leap of 13 per cent at Cannock, 18 per cent at Huddersfield and 29 per cent at Rugeley Town station.

Million

Around one million people travelled the line last year, including passengers using Bloxwich, Landy and Walsall stations. Of the total, 91,000 were new rail users.

The line is due to be electrified by December 2017 in a £30 million scheme that will see new

track, better signalling, longer platforms and lighter, quicker trains.

Network Rail spokesman Kevin Groves said: "Electrification was not on the table when the line speed improvements were agreed. We will now carry out the line speed improvements at the same time as electrification to avoid disrupting passengers twice because of work to the line."

But the council says the news is a 'major setback' to the region. Cannock and Huddersfield lost two peak-time Birmingham services last year and, from December, will have the lowest off-peak frequency of any commuter route from Birmingham. Councillor Alcott said: "Network Rail's decision is unacceptable and must be reversed in the interests of the growing number of commuters who rely on the service."

Pub trade hit hard by bridge building

WORK to build a replacement railway bridge through Darlaston is due to begin this autumn, with business fearing months of lost income.

Bentley Road South has been shut since April as part of preparation work for the bridge scheme, which is part of a £26 million road improvement scheme.

Drivers have been warned diversions could be in place for months.

The Bentley Green pub, located near Bentley Road South, has seen takings drop by nearly a third in the last few months.

Assistant manager Robert Smith said it was harder for customers to get to the pub. They were now forced to go along Midland Road and then along Wolverhampton Road or onto the Black Country Route.

"It has had a massive impact on us," he said. "For anyone to get here it is quite a big diversion."

"We have lost out on the passing trade as they don't know we are there."

He added they were approaching the council over signs to help them while the road closure is in place.

The replacement bridge is expected to cost £1.8m. The road upgrade work also fits in with the creation of the 40-acre Black Country Enterprise Zone in Darlaston.

Bulls Head plan axed

THE £1 million transformation of an empty pub in Bloxwich, which would have created 40 jobs, has been scrapped.

Pub giant JD Wetherspoons had been poised to take over The Bulls Head, in Park Street. But the firm has confirmed that it is no longer taking over the building.

Planning permission was granted last year to extend and refurbish the 80-year-old hostelry.

Eddie Gershon, spokesman for Wetherspoons, said: "This was a site Wetherspoons was considering but is not now proceeding with it. But it is still looking at the town."

The pub closed in 2007 and was badly damaged in a suspected arson attack in 2011.

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MP backing the town's market stalls

WALSALL South MP Valerie Vaz has given her backing to the town's markets as a thriving place for entrepreneurs.

She has encouraged residents and visitors to keep using the town centre markets and Bescot Market.

Mrs Vaz said: "I often buy from the market both in the town and at the Saddlers Stadium."

Opportunity

"I signed the Early Day Motion which encourages us all to take part either as customers or market traders."

"We need to support our markets which gives people an opportunity to sell their products directly to consumers and test their products," she said, adding: "The next Richard Branson could come from Walsall."

Figures released earlier this year showed overall income from council-run markets has slumped as fewer traders take up stalls in Walsall.

New retailer is attracted

ANOTHER business has opened in Walsall town centre as part of a scheme to drive down the number of empty shops.

Life of Dad has opened its doors in the Victorian Arcade.

It means three of nine empty shop units included in a council incentive scheme, which offers free rent for up to six or 12 months, have been taken.

Council chiefs have also revealed two others have been let but are not up and running, while negotiations take place on two more.

The High Street Innovation Fund offers new shopkeepers who take on units up to six months business rates relief, six months rent free for a three-year lease or 12 months rent free for a five-year lease.

Craft fair in aid of supporters

A CRAFT fair will be held at Walsall Football Club this weekend to raise money for the Saddlers Supporter's Club.

It takes place at the club's HQ in Bescot Crescent on Saturday from 10am.

Admission for the fair is £30 and it will cost £5 or £7.50 for anyone wanting to book a table to sell items at the event.

To book a table and for more information call 01922 621179 or 01922 649840.

Robbers must pay or spend more time in jail



Robber Ryan Jones

FOUR members of an armed gang of robbers, including two from Walsall, who targeted jewellers, a bookmakers and homes will face longer behind bars unless they repay £25,000.

Ex-Coventry City footballer Ryan Jones and Qaiser Rashid, both of Walsall, together with Imran Zaman and Lewis Richards, both of Birmingham, were said to have benefited by £111,081.56 during the crime spree.

The gang struck at least 11 times in four months, escaping with luxury cars and goods worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. They were jailed last year after admitting conspiracy to rob between October 2010 and January 2011.

A proceeds of crime hearing at Wolverhampton

Crown Court was told financial investigators believed Jones, of Watermere, Shelfield, benefited from £44,293.31. Assets included a watch, Renault Clio and cash. The 23-year-old, sentenced to nine years, was ordered to pay £11,236.51.

The court heard that 28-year-old Rashid, of Drayton Street, Alumwell, who is serving a five-year prison sentence, had been uncooperative with investigators and was ordered to repay the full amount sought, which totalled £9,873.

They will have to pay within six months or face another six months behind bars.

Zaman, 24, of Edwards Street, Birmingham, serving a nine-year term, was said to have benefited by £13,438.25 with assets including a Mini

Cooper. But Judge Michael Challinor said he was satisfied the car was his mother's and ordered him to repay just £29.80 or spend another day in prison.

It was claimed that Richards, 22, of Brockwell Road, Kingstanding, serving six-and-a-half years, had benefited from £43,477. His assets included a watch and he was told to pay £4,230 within six months or face three months more in jail.

It comes after the gang's ringleader Waheed Zaman, of Calshot Road, Great Barr, who is serving a 10-year prison term, was ordered to repay just £9,000, despite prosecutors claiming he benefited from £41,740.

In one raid, the robbers escaped with £9,000 worth of gold rings from Laxmi Jewellers in Walsall.

NEWS

in brief

Conman warning on bogus officer

A CONMAN posing as a trading standards officer tried to trick a householder into handing over £2,000 in Walsall.

The council has now warned families about the bogus caller who has been targeting elderly residents in the borough.

The cold calls have taken place in Darlaston and Willenhall with three reported to the council in less than nine months. They have involved a man claiming to be a trading standards officer demanding money.

Asda helps fund Samaritans HQ

A WALSALL charity has refurbished the cabin it operates from thanks to a donation from a local supermarket.

Rain and snow had begun to rot the walls and windows at Walsall and District Samaritans' office on Bott Lane.

The 40-year-old building has now been repainted and its windows replaced thanks to building work funded by £14,580 from the Asda Foundation's St Matthews branch.

Talking about a 30th anniversary

A TALKING news service for blind people in Walsall is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Visually impaired people in the borough have been benefiting from the Walsall Talking News service since 1983.

Celebrations will be held on August 24 from 10am to 2pm at Walsall Society for the Blind, in Hatherton Road, Walsall.

The service has seen a host of changes, including the introduction of a monthly magazine and the conversion from analogue to digital.

Teen enterprises at Rosie's festival

TEENAGERS are being offered the chance to get a free stall at a charity event next month.

Youngsters can set up their own stall to sell crafts and more at Rosie's Walk and Festival at Aldridge Airport on Sunday, July 21.

Rosie's Walk will have a summer holiday theme and people are urged to sign up for a one or three-mile walk. The fundraiser for Rosie's Helping Hands will also include a talent show.

More affordable homes planned for the borough

MORE plans for affordable home have been submitted to Walsall Council as part of a bigger commitment to build properties by Walsall Housing Group.

The £3.1 million development made up of 31 two and three-bedroom homes and apartments is earmarked for scrub land off Somerfield Road in Bloxwich.

The 1.26 acres of land has been vacant since the Ball and Leadbetter tower blocks where demolished nearly seven years ago.

The new homes from the social housing provider would have off-street parking and special waste facilities.

A report to Walsall Council by the housing provider states: "The intention is to create a very high-quality residential development on this site."

"The development has been designed to sensitively respond to the surrounding context, creating a modern residential development."

"Walsall Housing Group, in partnership with Walsall Council, is committed to providing a high-quality and highly sustainable open market residential development on this brownfield site."

This latest plan is part of the WHG scheme to provide nearly 500 homes over the next two years at a cost of around £20m a year.

Work on the site will be partly funded by a Government grant from Homes and Communities Agency, who have supported a number of other social housing projects across the borough.

The plan comes as the National Housing Federation release new regional figures from a survey that reveal that 90 per cent of employers in the West Midlands think that a lack of affordable housing is stalling economic growth.

Cycling adds a new challenge for lecturer



College maths lecturer Bob Steele, from Pelsall, is cycling from London to Paris in 24 hours for the charity Scope

A COLLEGE lecturer is getting in the saddle for a gruelling 24-hour challenge either side of the Channel.

Bob Steele, of Pelsall, will be riding from London to France to raise cash for Scope.

The 49-year-old only took up cycling last summer but has been riding up to 600 miles a month since then in preparation for the challenge.

The South Staffordshire College maths lecturer at will join other Scope fundraisers on July 6 for a 90-mile journey to Dover.

Once in Calais the cyclists will do around 195 miles to Paris which is

expected to take at least 14 hours.

Mr Steele said he had been inspired to raise money for Scope after seeing the good provision which is provided at his college.

Significant

The member of Walsall Road Cycling Club said: "I wanted to combine my new found interest in cycling with doing something significant as a fundraising activity."

"I was also looking for a big challenge as I am 50 this year and wanted to make it something quite challenging."

He said although he was looking forward to the ride, which he is confident he will be ready for come next month, he knows it will be tough.

"I am taking a bit of a step into the unknown and mentally and physically it is going to be quite possibly the hardest I have done."

Scope is a UK disability charity that supports disabled people and their families in England and Wales.

Mr Steele is aiming to raise £1,200 and to sponsor him go online to the www.justgiving.com/teacherbob webpage

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NEWS FEATURE**IN MY VIEW**WITH
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ANDREWS

GOOD to see new Wolves coach Kenny Jackett will be giving the home-grown players a chance following his appointment to the Molineux hot seat.

"I always look for young and hungry players," said Jackett as his first press conference in charge. He is in good company. Last year, following a shaky start to the season, Aston Villa manager Paul Lambert explained his youth-first policy.

"I know that when you get really hungry players they can take you a long way, that's what we will try to do. If you don't have that hunger as a footballer, there's no point playing the game."

Similarly, on announcing the signing of left-back Joe Bennett, Lambert told the assembled media: "Joe's a really good player, young and hungry to succeed and he's exactly the type of player we want here."

Not to be outdone, West Bromwich Albion's Steve Clarke explained the philosophy behind their continued status as the top dogs in the West Midlands.

"The players have the hunger," he said.

One can only assume that the burger vans outside their respective grounds must be doing a roaring trade. Meanwhile, in other news, Wolves, Albion and Villa are embroiled in a £15 million bidding war for the young-and-hungry Oliver Twist.

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STUDENT Ben Cronin claims he was refused a job as a punt tout on Cambridge's famous riverboats because he wasn't good looking enough.

"I went to speak to the man running the boats, but when I asked about the job, he laughed, saying: 'Sorry, mate, you have to be good looking to do this job,'" said the 20-year-old psychology student. Sounds like they didn't like his boat race.

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SORRY, but I can't buy into all the conspiracy theories about the Bilderberg conference, where the political leaders of Europe and North America are supposed to have spent the weekend discussing their plans for world domination.

First of all, look at the guest list. Ken Clarke, Peter Mandelson, Ed Balls and George Osborne. Could you honestly see that lot successfully organising a social event in a brewery, yet alone some dark and sinister plot to take over the world?

Secondly, there's the venue. A 'luxury hotel in Watford'. No disrespect to Watford, but it all sounds a bit Alan Partridge, doesn't it?

Yes, we know David Icke thinks they are all descended from lizards from the constellation Draco, and we should always be grateful for his constructive and interesting contributions to the debate.

But the former Coventry City goalie's contribution aside, I don't think I will be losing too much sleep over the summit.



Celebration time for the choir after members returned with another of its many choral awards



Performing in front of Walsall's then mayor, Councillor Dennis Anson, to raise money for his charity



Rehearsing back in the early 1960s shortly after the formation of the Pelsall Ladies Choir

Raising voices and good-cause money

Pelsall Ladies Choir is celebrating its 50th birthday. **TOM MASON** talks to some of its members

THE HOBBY OF CHORAL SINGING HAS HAD A RECENT RESURGENCE IN POPULARITY WITH PROGRAMMES SUCH AS THE ARMY WIVES AND SONGS OF PRAISE ENCOURAGING MORE PEOPLE TO GIVE IT A GO.

But for Pelsall Ladies Choir, which is celebrating 50 years of singing, its business as usual.

Originally formed in 1963 as the Pelsall Townswomen's Guild Choir, the organisation has swelled from just seven members to more than 30.

June Davenhill, the musical director, has remained at the heart of the group during this time and at the age of 77 continues to lead the group from strength to strength.

In their first year the group surprised not only themselves, but also other choirs by winning a competition at a choral music festival.

Award

The following year, with more singers, they entered the intermediate section and were again successful.

With more members joining who weren't part of the guild, the decision was made to change the name to its current title.

Over the next three decades the group continued to win award after award and it was during this time that the club began raising money for charity.

This became an important part of the group's activities and over the years it has helped raise thousands for charities across the region through concerts held in the area's two churches. Mrs Davenhill



Members of the current Pelsall Ladies Choir in their recognisable uniform

says: "Our charity work is very important to us now more than ever before. We all love helping local causes."

Another change was the introduction of a set outfit that made the group instantly recognisable beginning with a series of crimplene dresses became the 'uniform' worn for a year or two and then changed.

June remembers one dress in particular, a pink crimplene gown, which she said made the ladies resemble raspberry blancmange when seen en masse on stage. She adds "This was in the mini era, and one husband was heard to remark that they won more competitions with their legs than their voices."

Eventually a long black skirt and blouse was agreed upon, but trying to persuade more than 40 women to agree on a style and colour was always going to be a problem and eventually the well known black skirt and top, livened up with a silk flower and scarf emerged as the group's favourite.

Clair Whitehouse, who is one of the group's newest and youngest members, says: "The choir makes me feel good, especially after a bad day. When singing, all of your troubles and cares disappear."

"I have been made to feel very welcome, and I have met some lovely new friends, whom I hope will remain friends for life."

Mrs Davenhill says the group attracts people from all backgrounds and had

become even more popular after a number of recent television documentaries highlighted the hobby.

"It's a really diverse group with people from all walks of life, we don't have any requirements apart from the ability to sing," she says.

Another member, Christine Halford, adds: "Being in the choir means I get to sing beautiful music."

"Our concerts help many charities, it gives me joy, friendships, and singing is very good for the soul, I always leave in a happy mood."

This year the charity chosen to raise money for Heartline.

It was set up to provide a special life support system, used on young children and babies with respiratory and heart failure and which saved the life of the two-year-old grandson of one of the choir members.

Key among the choir's events is the annual concert for Walsall's mayor that has raised money for many causes supported by the town's annually-changing figurehead.

Assured

The group continues to hold regular concerts alternatively at Pelsall Methodist and St Michael's Church.

Mrs Davenhill hopes the future of the group will be assured by its newer members.

"I would like to see the group continue into the future and carry on as a charitable organisation and give pleasure to as many people as we can," she says.

The choir meets in the hall of St Michael's School, Maple Road, Pelsall, every Monday during term time from 7pm to 9pm.

No audition is needed and new members are always welcome to this friendly group of singers.

For further details contact either Margaret Merrick on 01922 693959 or June Davenhill on 01922 449243.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

LABOUR MP Renee Short held on to her Wolverhampton North-East seat by the skin of her teeth in the General Election. After two dramatic recounts Mrs Short saw her majority of more than 6,000 slashed to just 214.

CHARLIE, the beer-swilling parrot, was feeling blue after his owner called time on his foul language. Licensee Jim Willets vowed to clean up Charlie's bawdy banter after customers complained at The Swan in Amblecote.

PUPILS from Uplands Junior School in Finchfield were left upset after their visit to the House of Commons was called off due to the General Election. But they cheered up when the Queen invited them to see the State opening of Parliament procession from the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

1993...

A FLOWER arranger from Wordsley won a top international award for her traditional arrangement of fresh flowers. Elaine Williams came first in her class at the World Association of Flower Arrangers championships in Canada.

WALSALL swimmer Nick Gillingham produced his fastest ever 100m backstroke swim at the European trials in Sheffield. It was his first competitive race since winning the 200m bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics.

POOR weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of competitors at a Penkridge school's It's A Knockout-style tournament. Pupils at Penkridge Middle School raised more than £500 for school funds after taking on obstacles such as the Killer Hill water slide.

2003...

A WOLVERHAMPTON grandfather was preparing to fly to Puerto Rico for a world championship after smashing a British sprinting record at the age of 75. Alan Meddings, of Tettenhall, sliced a full second off the previous over-75s world record for the 100m at the British Championships in Derby.

MORE than 1,000 of Wolverhampton's 27,000 street lights were replaced over a 12-month period. The move came as part of a renewal programme to help reduce residents' fear of crime.

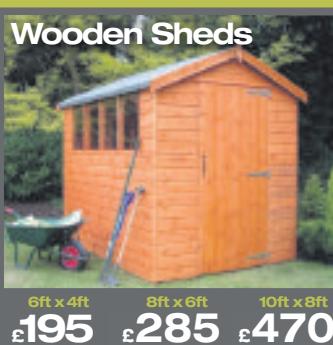
WOLVES chairman Sir Jack Hayward celebrated his 80th birthday at a family reunion, but said his best present was the club's promotion to the Premier League. Sir Jack said he still would not believe his team were in the top flight until he got to see the fixture list.

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regulated or recorded in days gone by.

Government has failed to come to terms with the investment required in the Black Country to research, locate, and cap mines. Polluted land has been left to waste away or fails to attract development interest.

A new plan is needed to tackle investment and remediation. Where is the initiative to come from? The silence from Government is deafening. Until we have the impetus to change this appalling inaction and collective apathy, coal's costly legacy will continue to blight our communities.

A national approach is needed. One

that prioritises the blighted communities.

Solutions are more likely to be found if we involve work with all levels of Government and the private sector. It is time for a fresh approach.

Generations of local people made the Black Country famous, when 'coal was king'. Now generations of local people are suffering from land blight. Mines and poisons are making us paupers.

We need our generation to rise to this challenge with renewed vigour and innovation.

COUNCILLOR DOUG JAMES
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Disgust at driver ban and £90 fine

RE WALSALL Chronicle May 30 page 4 - Nurse Still Haunted By Paralysing Crash and Careless Driver Gets £90 Fine And Year Ban.

I think it's disgusting that a driver got fined £90 and one year's driving ban after that terrible accident she caused.

The victim will never walk or work again.

You have to be a special type of person to be a mental health nurse.

Had it been at crown court instead of magistrates court would it have been different?

You see and hear of similar cases in the past where the fines have been more severe.

B M BALL
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Lido clean up woe

I TOOK my daughter for her first visit to the impressive lido at Walsall Arboretum. We had been there a few minutes when one of the lido attendants spotted a child's excrement at the edge of the lido.

Instead of discreetly picking it up with his gloves and some tissue (which he did) but then cleaning up the microscopic remains with soap/water/disinfectant, he decided to close the whole lido down and send for reinforcements.

We had to wait for another two council officials to come and cordon off the whole of the lido like a crime scene, before they jet washed the offending area. Having been for a walk for about 45 minutes was then told on my return that despite them having cleaned, had to wait a further 30 minutes as the water was being cleaned!!!

I know the mess had to be cleaned but there was a lot of disappointed children on a lovely sunny afternoon and am sure that common sense should have prevailed. I just wonder if this will happen every time a passing dog or bird relieve themselves!!

K J BRADLEY
Birchfield Way
Walsall

Cost of freedom

THIS is a free country, of free speech but not policing, that comes at a cost, to us taxpayers. Recent figures for policing demonstrations have cost £261,117, to West Midlands Police Force, at a time the force has to make savings of £126m by 2015.

The English Defence League cost West Midlands Police £162,647 for a demonstration in Centenary Square, Birmingham, on 29/10/11 and a further £14,840 on 26/1/13, plus £83,630 at a demonstration in Walsall on 29/9/12.

Councils should make organisations put up a bond to police these events, before allowing them permission, with the clause that if there is any law-breaking the bond would be forfeited in favour of the cost of policing. Councils need to implement these conditions on demonstrators now, before we end up with a bankrupt police force.

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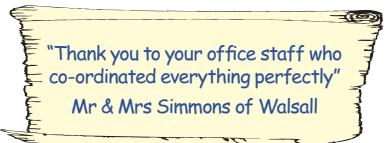


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CLUB NEWS

Parkash is named as club's new president



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THE recent AGM saw Soroptimist International of Wolverhampton move towards its 76th year with the election of a new president Parkash Krishan. She received the badge of Insignia from outgoing president Gail Wedge.

In her inaugural speech, she spoke about the rights of all those, in particular women and children, who across the world are still less fortunate in having no voice, of how inequality still existed in the world and how Soroptimist International was important in helping to stop this and break down barriers, to increase understanding.

Her theme for the coming year would be 'Continuing Friendship and Opening Up Barriers'. Parkash intends to maintain and establish links and friendships with other organisations and as well as supporting various projects the club already has in place.

Her special project would be supporting local charity The Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre. There will be several social functions throughout her year commencing with a coffee morning, a barbecue and a strawberry tea in June and a House of Lords visit in mid July. Members of the club will also be taking part in the Race for Life on June 19.

Cyclist's fundraising bid

THE May meeting began with a talk by Ed Shore entitled 'Cycling alone from San Francisco to New York'.

The ride raised money for Cancer Research, backed by Ed's Rotarian group. It took him a year to get fit enough as he had to gain about 30 lbs of weight, which would be

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burned off during his ride.

Throughout his journey he camped or stayed in motels. His first few nights were spent with American Rotarians in and around San Francisco.

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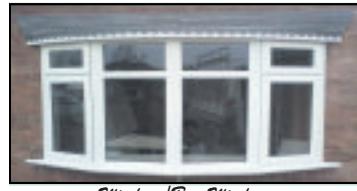
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NEWS

Pub regulars raise £2k in memory of friends



Raising a glass to the hospice – King's Head landlady Lynn Heeley with fundraisers Sarah Fisher and Dale Grimsley and Elaine's husband Alan Fletcher, after raising £2,300 for St Giles in Walsall

GENEROUS pub regulars are the toast of St Giles Walsall Hospice after raising more than £2,000.

Staff and customers from the King's Head in Blakenall Heath, Walsall, have so far collected £2,300 for the charity in memory of their friends Elaine Fletcher and Margie Brain.

Elaine, who passed away in 2011 after a long struggle with cancer, was the first person to be cared for by St

Giles Walsall Hospice, while Margie also looked after by the charity during her final days in 2012.

The support both received from St Giles prompted King's Head customers Sarah Fisher and Dale Grimsley to organise a series of fundraising events.

The venue has hosted a tombola, a raffle, quiz nights, barbecue, cake sale, bingo, Easter egg hunt and bonnet parade and a name-the-beer competition.

Lynn Heeley, landlady at the Ingram Road pub for 37 years, said: "We kicked it all off with a Jubilee party in June, and things have snowballed since then."

"It's been just brilliant fun and I've been taken aback by the enthusiasm and generosity of the customers and my staff, including Jackie Lawton, Emma Wright and Emma Morris.

"St Giles Walsall Hospice is incredibly important to us all and you never know when you or somebody you know may need their help."

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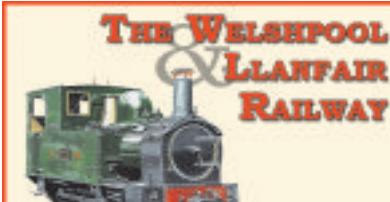


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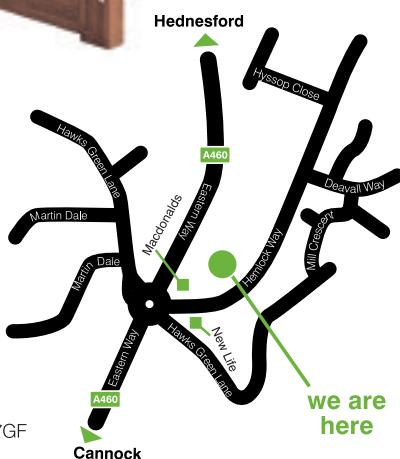
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NEWS

Caring student wins



Student Thomas Bampfield has won the regional heat

A STUDENT at Walsall College has won the West Midlands heat of a competition to find the best social care workers.

Thomas Bampfield was put forward for the WorldSkills UK 2013 Caring Competition, hosted by South and City College Birmingham.

The 17 year-old is currently in the first year of a Level 3 diploma in health and social care alongside volunteering with St John Ambulance.

He had to demonstrate the delivery of excellent care in a mix of written tests and live activities. These included working with older people and with people with learning disabilities. Following his success, Thomas could be selected to represent the college at the UK finals in November.

Curriculum manager for health and social care at Walsall College, Surjeet Jakhu said: "He did an excellent job at the regional heat, earning a very high score. He is a great role model to other male students."

More show interest in dementia care scheme

FIVE GP surgeries have signed up to a new programme designed to help spot sufferers of dementia in Walsall.

Workers at a town centre supermarket are already being trained to spot the signs of dementia after the area was selected for a pilot scheme.

And bosses behind the project said they have had a 'fantastic response' since its launch in March.

Housing provider Accord Group's dementia care manager Angela Causon said: "We're working with five GP surgeries."

"In addition Asda St Matthew's, Age UK's shop, the Carer's Centre, the Independent Living Centre and the council's One Stop Shop are almost ready to receive their kite mark awards, which are given to organisations that can demonstrate they've completed specific actions to make them dementia-friendly."

She said further talks were being held with other groups or businesses.

"We are also in discussion with pharmacies, Walsall's library service and other shops and businesses to see how we can work with them," she added. Asda St Matthew's, in George Street, was the first store in the borough to sign up to help support dementia sufferers.

Banks, post offices, libraries, cafes, hairdressers and other companies are being invited to sign up too.

Staff are trained to help them recognise customers affected by dementia.

The idea was suggested by the borough's health scrutiny panel chief Councillor Marco Longhi, who urged large supermarkets to recognise dementia sufferers.

The project, funded by Walsall Council and Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, will run until March.

An estimated 2,000 people in Walsall have the condition.

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NEWS

Roy of the Saddlers is calling it a day



ALMOST three decades on from a decision he describes as 'madness', things haven't worked out too badly for Roy Whalley.

The 66-year-old was this month heralding the dawn of a new era after leaving the Banks's Stadium, a venue he played a huge role in helping to develop, for the final time as a full-time employee of Walsall Football Club.

Whalley retired on May 31 as the club's commercial director, the role as he held for the past three years after stepping down as chief executive, closing the book on 27 years at the sharp end of life with the Saddlers.

Over that time his impact has been felt not only at the Banks's but in the town. He leaves with club on a financially sound footing and, as he says, respected throughout the game as a 'model' for how clubs should be run.

Degree

But it was all very different back in 1986 when Whalley, already a well-known figure through his teaching job at Manor High School, was offered the role of club secretary on the steps of the Town Hall by new club chairman Terry Ramsden.

Whalley had just completed a masters degree in teaching, spent a year as deputy head, his career prospects good. By complete contrast, Walsall had spent the decade lurching from one crisis to the next and their prospects were at best uncertain.

For Whalley, the choice was obvious.

"I always say it was an easy decision to make, but a difficult one to live with for a while," says Whalley.

"Teaching was very safe job and I'd got a family too. To move from that very safe position with a bright future, to football,

which was just about the most unsafe profession around, really it was madness. But I always think had I not taken the opportunity I would have looked back and thought if only?

"I have done things I would never have done, I have met people I would never have met and I have been to places I would never have been had I not been in football."

"I think I have been able to achieve more and influence things more than I ever could in education. Yes it was a big gamble but I have never really regretted it."

At the time he accepted the job, Whalley was already a well-known figure at the club's then home of Fellows Park, having played a prominent role in the Save Walsall campaign. A fan since attending his first game in 1955 at the age of seven, he suddenly found himself thrust into the 100mph world of football administration, whisked away to a board meeting in Kent by helicopter on his second day.

The first five years would be the hardest. Within months Ramsden had been crippled by the stock market collapse and the club was once again facing up to crisis and losing up to £10,000 a week.

That they came through it, finally making the move from Fellows Park to the Banks's Stadium in 1990, was in no small part down to the efforts of Whalley who grafted under the new board headed by Barrie Blower and Jeff Bonser.

Whalley has been the driving force behind the club's rapid commercial growth, with the club now home seven days a week to conferences, boxing shows and all manner of other events bringing commerce into Walsall. One his proudest achievements was establishing the Sunday market at Bescot Stadium.

Final whistle – Roy Whalley is stepping down from his role at Walsall FC at the age of 66

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Flair with hair wins awards



Jessica Kilgallon with Francesco's Ben Dellicompagni



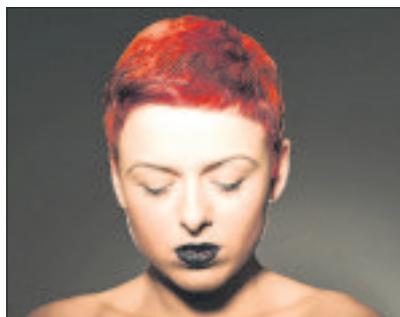
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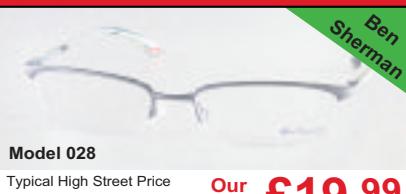
Lauren said: "I really enjoyed working on my entry and receiving first place is amazing. The standard was extremely high so it's a real achievement."

Jessica added: "Taking part in this competition has been a great experience and just made me more determined to follow a career in hairdressing after I finish my course."

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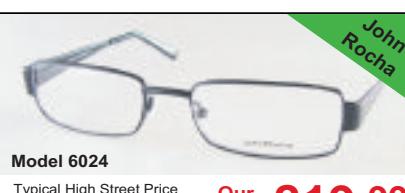
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NEWS

Moxley's new memorial is nearly ready



Stone mason David Walker working on the new memorial stone which has been installed at The Moxley War Memorial, in High Street, Moxley

THE £45,000 revamp of a war memorial in the Black Country is all but complete, as plans are drawn up for a re-dedication service in the autumn.

Finishing touches are being put to the First World War memorial in Moxley, Walsall.

Stonework and a cross have been lowered into place and plaques bearing the names of 98 servicemen who paid the ultimate sacrifice were due to be added this week.

Work began in September last year after it was announced that all of Walsall's war memorials are to be restored. Supporters said the revamped monument looked 'beautiful'.

Unveiling

Work has been carried out in two stages, with the final unveiling due to be at a re-dedication service in September led by the churches and people of Moxley.

Representatives of the Staffordshire Regiment are expected to attend.

It will mean the memorial is ready in time for next year's commemorations of the centenary of the start of the First World War.

New benches, railings, lighting and gates have all been put in place, along with new brickwork.



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Walsall District General - Sister Dora - Hospital, Wednesbury Road, around 1896. It was demolished for modern apartments



Walsall Science and Art Institute, Bradford Place, circa 1896. The building is now being used as offices



The Old Woolpack, a Tudor pub in Walsall High Street, demolished in 1892, replaced by shops



The Grand Theatre, corner of Park Street and Station Street, circa 1896. Superdrug stands on the spot today

Peeking into past with town's picture album

AT WALSALL Local History Centre we hold thousands of local photographs, from the early 1860s to the present day.

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From the late Victorian era, when photography was hugely popular, there was a fashion for books to be published focusing on towns, counties, or local worthies and businesses.

Many included photos, some of a very high standard, given the limitations on print quality at the time.

Books like town guides were a matter of civic pride, and these as well as others such as trade directories, albums promoting local places and businesses, and yet more commemorating events, are all worth looking at for that rare historic picture.

One particularly interesting local

book is The Walsall Album, published by William Henry Robinson in 1898. It showcases numerous buildings which were already historic in Victorian times. Many have long since disappeared or have changed use and/or appearance today.

Extraordinary

Thanks to Mr Robinson, a prominent local journalist, newspaper editor, printer, publisher, author, astronomer and leading light of the Walsall Literary Institute, some extraordinary images of Walsall, Bloxwich, Rushall and Great Barr have been preserved in his books.

These are through photographs commissioned by him, a few of which, taken by Draycott of Walsall, are reproduced here.

The Walsall Album also offers a fascinating slice of industrial and business life around the town in the many full-page advertisements which alternate with the photo-

graphs it reproduces. While Walsall is rightly famous for its saddlery trade, it becomes quickly obvious, when reading this book and others, that it was just one of many in the 'Town of a Hundred Trades'.

Remarkable books such as this and South Staffordshire Illustrated (c1899), Walsall Past and Present (1905), the Walsall Red Books (1872-1939), and more, offer a fascinating insight into how the Victorians saw themselves as well as revealing many sadly lost townscapes. All are waiting for readers to rediscover amongst the thousands of historic volumes preserved in the Local Studies Library at Walsall Local History Centre.

Prints of pictures shown and thousands more are available to purchase by special order, as well as a wide range of books, from Walsall Local History Centre. For local and family history, drop into the centre in Essex Street, which is part of Walsall Council. Telephone 01922 721305. For more information online see www.walsall.gov.uk/localhistorycentre

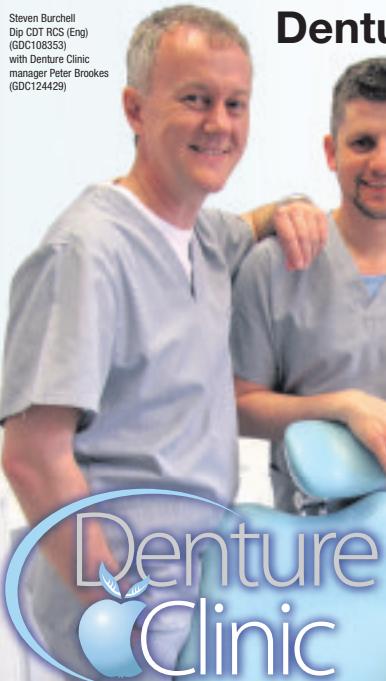


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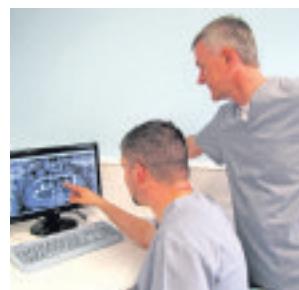
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The drained reservoir exposed old overflow pipes



An old boat was found at the bottom of the reservoir



A boardwalk over the water as it looks today

A PHOTOGRAPHER has put readers in the picture over the £5.5m transformation of Chasewater reservoir – with a series of images documenting the changes.

Captured by photographer Brian Morgan over the past five years, the pictures show the gradual rise of the water levels and uncover the previously unseen barren floor of the pool.

The 75-year-old ventured to the country park every few weeks as he set

about recording the transition. "I have been coming to Chasewater County Park for years," said Mr Morgan.

"When they drained it I thought I would come over and have a look as none of us had seen it empty before and it is likely to be a one-off."

Fascinating

"I found it fascinating and decided to start taking regular pictures."

"You could see the gradual change from initially a black mud covering the floor but over time came a sandy effect

and then slowly the levels started to rise. There was no indication where the water came from. When it was empty it was quite striking seeing people walk across it. One morning I even saw a grand stag go across."

The reservoir near Brownhills reached its full capacity of nearly five billion litres in April after being drained in 2010 for repair work.

A brick-built chamber that does not appear on any plans was discovered after draining. A boat that sank in 1959 was also seen for the first time.



Brian Morgan has been capturing the refilling of the pool

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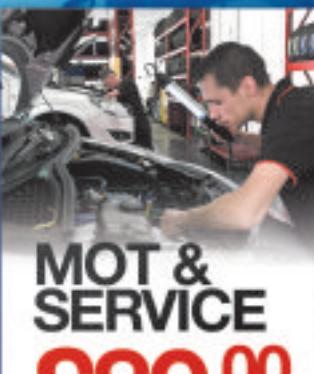
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Boat fest' weekend on canal

NARROWBOAT enthusiasts from the Midlands will be converging on Pelsall this weekend for a canal festival.

Organised by Birmingham Navigation Society in Association with the British Waterways Association, the event was last held in 2011 after the event was restarted following an absence of more than ten years.

This year it will be held on Saturday and Sunday beside the canal off Highfields Road.

The event will host stalls highlighting canal art and crafts, boat goods and there will also be a real ale bar, classic cars and steam engines with music from live acts.

It will also feature Birmingham Ikon Gallery's Slow Boat project to bring modern art to the canals.

The free event will be open from 10.30am until 5pm on both days.

Open day at a care home

RESIDENTS of Pelsall are invited to an open day at a care home later this month.

Pelsall Hall Residential Home on Paradise Lane will open its doors to members of the public on Friday, June 21, to celebrate National Care Home Open Day. Visitors will be able to have a tour of the grounds from 10am until 3pm and join staff for tea and cakes.

Young footballers get a pavilion to be proud of

A DILAPIDATED pavilion used by youth football teams in Pelsall and Shelfield has been restored to its former glory by a dedicated volunteers.

The project run in by Brownhills, Rushall, Shelfield and Pelsall area partnership and the Prince's Trust identified Shelfield Pavilion, in Parkstone Close, as a venue in need of help.

The worn out building provided much-needed facilities for youth football teams, which have been expanding year on year placing more pressure on the pavilion.

Painted

Volunteers from the trust worked under the supervision of PC Mark Foster and his colleague PCSO Jin Sangha to tidy up the area.

They painted the changing rooms and got ride of graffiti on the outside of the building. Using materials provided by the local area partnership, the team have spruced up the site, providing a better environment for young players.

Talking about the fuchsia

WALSALL Fuchsia and Flower Society will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday. It will take place at Walsall Labour Club, Church Road, Pelsall, at 7.30pm.

This month's speaker is Alan Solomon, who will be sharing his knowledge of fuchsias. Anyone is welcome.

by Tom Mason

Councillor Ian Shires, portfolio holder for communities and the voluntary sector at Walsall Council, said: "This project has been a prime example of teams working together for the good of the community."

"Not only have the people benefitted from this project, but the young volunteers have benefitted by gaining invaluable experience and learning about giving something back."

"People now have a more modern, more fit-for-purpose place to get out and enjoy their local area. Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work in making this happen."

War veteran remembers D-Day landings



"You never think anything is going to happen to you, you just get on with it," – D Day veteran Fred Harvey, from Pelsall

WITH last week's commemoration of the Second World War's D-Day landings one former soldier from Pelsall has relived his memories of the battle for Normandy.

Fearless Fred Harvey was a 21-year-old gunner with the South Staffordshire regiment when he stepped out of his boat and into a hail of gunfire on Juno Beach in 1944.

"There was stuff going on around me, but to be honest I didn't think a great deal about it," said Mr Harvey.

"We were all very young, and when you're that age you never think anything is ever going to happen to you, you just get on with it."

Now 90 he can still remember the day clearly and has memories of swapping a German rifle for a ca of corned beef.

Mr Harvey last visited Normandy in 2010 but hopes to return again next year for the 70th anniversary.

He said: "The area around has changed a lot, but there are still places I recognise."

"I never tire of returning to Normandy. It is always emotional but so worthwhile to pay our respects and remember our glorious fallen comrades."



Fred Harvey when a young soldier

Potholes are finally dealt with

TWO problem roads in Pelsall have been resurfaced after residents demanded "dangerous" potholes be repaired.

Hundreds signed a petition calling for Walsall Council to carry out the work on Norton Road and Victoria Road, which run through Pelsall Common.

They argued that the potholes were a damaging vehicles and posed a danger to elderly residents from the nearby Old Vicarage Close retirement home.

Councillor Oliver Bennett, who went door-to-door after residents brought the matter to his attention, said: "I don't think the roads had been resurfaced for 30 or 40 years."

"There are a lot of elderly residents nearby and we were concerned about them falling into potholes."

"For years we have been trying to get the roads resurfaced. Norton Road, in particular, is the main thoroughfare in Pelsall, so that was why a lot of the problems occurred."

"The residents are ecstatic now that the work has been completed."

Wendy Berry, aged 62, who lives on Victoria Road, said it was "ridiculous" how long it had taken the council to act.

She said: "We're over the moon that it's been done, but for years I've been

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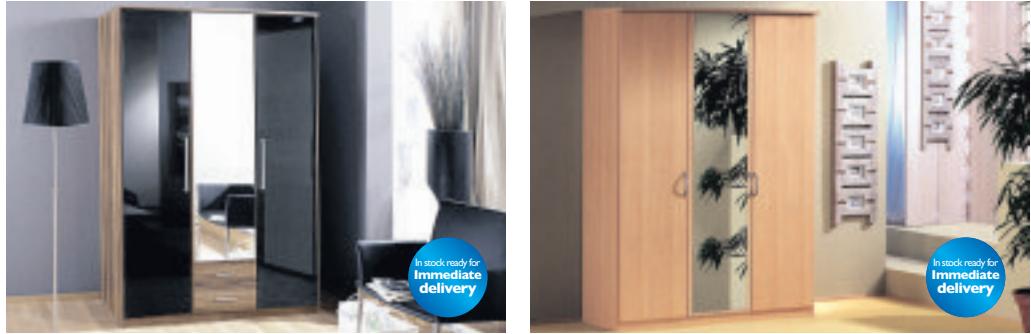
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REVIEW

Ghost The Musical Grand Theatre

If there is anything likely to boost the attendance at pottery classes this is it! The smash-hit musical Ghost, direct from the West End, is simply out of this world.

And although that memorable potter's wheel part of the film seemed to be passed over quickly the packed Grand Theatre was still held spellbound by the dazzling state-of-the-art staging and terrific effects.

Based on the Oscar-winning movie that captured the hearts of a generation in the 90s, Ghost is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. Sam is trapped as a ghost between this world and the next trying to communicate with girlfriend Molly through a phoney psychic in the hope of saving her from his murderer.

Moving

Stewart Clarke as Sam was unstoppable as he dashed around the stage, 'walking' through doors and pretending to be invisible and certainly had a very good voice. It must have been very hard for the rest of the cast to act as though he wasn't actually standing next to them.

Girlfriend Molly (Rebecca Trehearn) who gave a very moving performance. As well as the very poignant moments there were plenty of laughs thanks to the psychic Oda Mae Brown (Wendy Mae Brown).

Ghost continues at the Grand until Saturday.

SUE ATTWATER

Stand-up star going Public in 'small' show

HIP comic Russell Kane is heading to the Black Country for a gig at West Bromwich venue The Public this autumn.

Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Kane is the biggest name yet to play the controversial arts centre and is due to appear on Saturday, October 5.

One of the most sought after stand-ups in the UK, the I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Now! presenter will be performing at the town centre venue as part of his nationwide Smallness tour.

The Jedward-haired stand-up will be taking a comic look at Britain's fascination with smallness.

Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "We're absolutely thrilled that Russell Kane will bring his new show to The Public in what is a real coup for West Bromwich."

Tickets are £17.50 and are available via www.thepublic.com or by calling 0121 533 7161.

Other comedy dates coming up at The Public include professional 'grumpy old woman' Jenny Eclair with her brand new show Eclarious on June 15, and Gina Yashere on October 19.



Russell Kane, pictured with small friend, has a Black Country date

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THE line-up for a music festival being held on a Walsall landmark has been announced.

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Acts appearing on the main stage include The Stratpack, playing hits of The Shadows from 1pm, followed by country act Knoxville Highway at 2pm. Soul Weaver take to the stage at 3pm, Khalilah at 4pm and ex-Stone Roses guitarist Aziz at 5pm.

Euro favourites to play in village

Eurovision pop stars Brotherhood Of Man are returning to Pelsall to perform their 70s hits – including 1976 Eurovision winner Save All Your Kisses – in Pelsall.

They will be performing in Pelsall Community Centre, Station Road, on Friday, July 12, from 7.30pm.

For more information or to book tickets call the box office 07783 419657 or 07960 503512.

Opportunity rocks for bands in park

LOUD music and guitars is again taking over Haden Hill House and park in Rowley Regis this summer for a one-day music festival on Sunday, July 7, between 11am and 6pm.

Acts are being sought for the fourth annual festival. Call 01384 569 444 for further details.

WITH Take That taking their first major break since reuniting in 2006, superstar singer Mark Owen might be expected to be enjoying a well-deserved rest.

But instead the 41-year-old heart-throb from Oldham will be spending this month promoting his fourth solo album with a series of gigs – including a concert at The Institute in Birmingham tomorrow night (Friday).

The album, ironically entitled The Art of Doing Nothing, and its lead single Stars, were both released this week.

Songs

According to Mark, he's not very good at doing nothing.

"I've been making songs for 20 years now and I don't really know what else to do," he said.

"It's my hobby and my day job all in one."

The album is his most collaborative to date, featuring a duet with Salford songstress Ren Harvieu and London rapper Jake Emlyn, who was recommended to him by Robbie Williams.

Tickets for Friday's gig at the venue in Digbeth High Street cost £25.



Solo album and summer tour for Take That's Mark Owen

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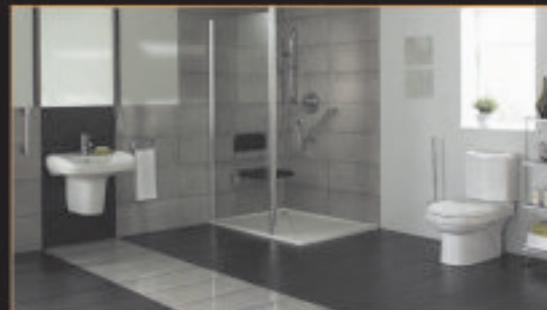
WNO stage Richard Wagner's romantic epic Lohengrin from 5.30pm today (Thursday) and Saturday, following Wagner Dream, Jonathan Harvey's bicentenary tribute to the German composer, last night.

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Huw Edwards

Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade Highlights BBC2, 6.30pm

As far as pomp and ceremony go, nobody does them quite like the Brits. And there's no event in the British calendar as grand, lavish or darn impressive as Trooping the Colour. Here, Huw Edwards introduces the best moments from this morning's military parade when the Queen's Colour was trooped by the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards at Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall, London, to mark the monarch's official birthday, with members of the royal family, invited guests and the public in attendance.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast, 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade Highlights BBC2, Regional News; Weather. **1.20** Tennis from Queen's A-Z. **5.55** Pointless Celebrities. **6.40** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.00 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present the live semi-final, which sees the eight remaining acts perform individually before taking part in a group number with their coaches.

9.10 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Matt Johnson presents the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws, along with the Lotto Plus 5 results.

9.20 Casualty. Tom faces a difficult abortion and is conflicted regarding an unborn baby's paternity, and Sam tries to help a man deal with his anger and a chance to save his marriage.

10.10 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Brazil v Japan. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the opening game of the Confederations Cup, as the Group A sides met at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia.

11.10 Film: No Strings Attached. (2011) Premiere. Two old friends try to have a purely sexual relationship, but find themselves falling in love nonetheless. Romantic comedy, starring Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher.

12.50 Weatherview. **12.55 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.25 Film:** The Gay Diplomat. (1931) **7.30 Film:** The Fabulous Dorseys. (1935) **8.00** Reel History of Britain. **9.30** The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. **11.30** Nature's Great Events. **12.30** Just a Minute. **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00 Film:** Tim. (1979) **3.45 Coast.** **4.15** Natural World: Tiger Island. **5.15** Flog It! (R)

6.00 Dad's Army. The platoon plans to re-enact the battle between St George and the dragon as part of the Wings for Victory fundraising effort - unaware the ARP wardens have the same idea. (R)

6.30 Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade Highlights. Huw Edwards introduces the best moments from this morning's military parade when the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards trooped its colour to mark the Queen's official birthday.

8.00 Live International Rugby. Brazil v Argentina. Stand (Kick-off 9.10pm). Coverage of the second fixture in a two-match series, as the sides meet at the Estadio Jose Amalfitani in Buenos Aires.

10.00 Film: A Serious Man. (2009) Premiere. Michael Stuhlbarg's professor seeks spiritual advice as a series of disasters disrupts his life. Comedy, starring Michael Stuhlbarg and Richard Kind.

11.40 Film: Skeletons. (2010) Premiere. Two "emotional exorcists" able to psychically extract a person's fears seem to help a agent find her missing husband. Fantasy, starring Ed Gaughan.

1.10 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10 Jake and the Neverland Pirates.** **6.25 The Hive.** (2011) **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **8.00** Camimals. **9.15** Camimals. (R) **9.20 Almost Naked Animals.** (R) **9.35 Ultimate Spider-Man.** Jessie. **9.45** ITV News. **8.30 Dinner Date.** (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.30** Weather. **11.30** Saturday Farm. **12.35 All Star Mr & Mrs.** (R) **1.40 River Monsters.** (R) **2.35 The Chase.** (R) **3.35 You've Been Framed!** (R) **4.05 Film:** Happy Feet. (2006)

6.10 Regional Programme: Weather.

6.25 ITV News: Weather.

6.40 Film: Despicable Me. (2010) Premiere. An evil genius steals the Orphans to aid his latest plot, but fatherhood has a strange effect on him. Animated comedy, with the voices of Steve Carell and Jason Segel.

8.30 Goodbye Granadaland. Peter Kay bids a fond farewell to Granada Studios in his final chapter, exploring the building from top-to-bottom and introducing archive clips from memorable shows produced there.

10.00 The Americans. The couple discover their murdered colleague Robert had a wife.

10.50 ITV News: Weather.

11.05 Film: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. (1998) Four friends get out of their debt while trying to pay off a debt to a criminal lord. Comedy, with Nick Moran.

1.00 Jackpot247. **3.00 In Plain Sight.** (R) **4.25 ITV Nightscreen.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British Rallycross. **7.00 The Grid.** **7.30 FIM Superbike World Championship.** (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** Helen's Fantastical Food. **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Lloyd Cast hosts the final dinner party of the West Midlands. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford discovers what an unusual combination of weather phenomena created deadly storms in 1953, and investigates other strange weather-related events such as giant hailstones. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of the cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.

9.35 Film: Date Night. (2010) A hour-long episode featuring highlights from Ramsay Street over the past week, while Linda decided up her plan to win Lucas back and Georgia ended her relationship with Kyle.

11.20 Film: Kingpin. (1996) Comedy, starring Woody Harrelson.

1.25 The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **2.55 Friday Night In.** (R) **3.05 Hollyoaks.** (R) **5.15 Countdown.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55 Power Rangers: Super Samurai.** (R) **10.30 ThunderCats.** (R) **11.00 The Hotel Mumbai.** (R) **11.30** Live Laugh Part 2. (R) **1.30** CSI: NY. (R) **2.20** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** CSI: NY. (R) **4.10** CSI: NY. (R) **5.05** Film: The Sea Wolves. (1980) Adventure, with Gregory Peck.

7.20 5 News Weekend.

7.25 NCIS. Tony becomes obsessed with finding a woman whose brother has been murdered. (R)

8.15 NCIS. The team investigates when a fellow agent's burnt body is discovered, and Gibbs can no longer avoid revealing what happened in Mexico as the case progresses. (R)

9.10 Big Brother: Secrets & Lies. Alex Beresford discovers under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, who this year has promised plenty of twists and turns and game-changing tasks.

10.10 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. New series. Spin-off highlights of the show. (R) Oduudu is joined by a panel of experts and psychologists to analyse the behaviour of the housemates.

11.10 Neighbours: This Week. Hour-long episode featuring highlights from Ramsay Street over the past week, while Linda decided up her plan to win Lucas back and Georgia ended her relationship with Kyle.

12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **4.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.00 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.05 Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.15** The Mindy Project. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be With You **7.30** Match of the Day Live. Brazil v Japan (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** Film: Con Air (1997) **11.50** Family Guy **BBC Four**

7.00 Oceans **8.00** The Riviera: A History in Pictures **9.00** Wallander: Sidetracked **10.25** The Beach Boys: Doin' It Again **11.20** The Beach Boys: Live at Knebworth **ITV2**

2.50 Film: Dragonheart (1996) **4.50** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: LOL Moments **5.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Singing Dancers **6.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Cutest Moments Ever **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Most Amazing Moments **9.00** Film: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) **11.10** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: LOL Moments **ITV3**

3.55 Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Blue Murder **11.30** Wife in the Blood **ITV4**

2.30 Lonesome Dove **6.20** British Touring Car Championship **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00** Film: Buried (2010) **E4**

3.00 Made in Chelsea **4.00** Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** The Mindy Project **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Broke Girls **9.00** Film: Hitman (2007) **10.50** The Inbetweeners **11.55** The Big Bang Theory **Film4**

2.45 The Truman Show (1998) **4.40** Poldark Perfect (1997) **6.40** Poldark (2007) Fact-based drama, starring Terrence Howard. **9.00** Devil (2010) **10.35** Cellular (2004)

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Rebecca Ferguson

The White Queen
BBC1, 9pm

After weeks of trailers, this epic, 10-part drama based on Philippa Gregory's best-selling, fact-based novel about three women's quest for power in 15th-century England – Elizabeth Woodville, Margaret Beaufort and Anne Neville. It begins with Elizabeth down on her luck, having been widowed when her husband was killed fighting for the deposed Lancaster King Henry VI. Now destitute, her only hope of supporting her two young sons, is to use her beauty to capture the heart of her family's greatest enemy, young York King Edward IV.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Question. 11.00 Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.20 Countryfile. (R) 1.15 Bargain Hunt. The AEGON Championships. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the final of the Wimbledon warm-up event held at the Queen's Club in London. Coverage continues on BBC2. 5.30 Songs of Praise. 5.35 Earthflight. (R)

6.35 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison head to north Wales, where he visits Rhyl for an annual festival of fun, and she explores a strange and wonderful coastal habitat, including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to the North Yorkshire town of Scarborough, where items include a silver container found in a burial site, a paperweight from Churchill's desk and a flora.

9.00 The White Queen. New series. Epic historical drama set against the backdrop of the War of the Roses. King Edward IV comes to power by marrying a commoner, Rebecca Ferguson and Max Irons star.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day Live. Spain v Uruguay (Kick-off 11.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the opening Group B clash in the Confederations Cup, staged at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil.

1.00 Weatherview. 1.05 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This is BBC Two. **6.45 Film:** Love Affair. (1939) **8.15 Gardeners' World.** (R) 8.45 Antiques 10 of TV Goats. (R) 9.30 The Back Grove Garden. **10.00 Saturday Kitchen** Best Bites. 11.30 Chinese Food Made Easy. (R) **12.00 What to Eat Now.** (R) **12.30 Live Motogp.** 2.05 EastEnders. (R) **4.00 Flog It!** 5.05 Tennis from Queen's.

6.30 Porridge. (R)

7.00 Peter Jones Meets. The Dragons' Den host chats to film actor Smith, the CEO of entertainment company Mind Candy, and Laura Tenison, founder of maternity wear and baby clothing firm JoJo Maman Bebe.

8.00 Operation Snow Tiger. Part 1 of two. Cameraman Max Hu will follow a tiger to see if she has new cubs, while Liz Bonnin searches for another female that has gone missing.

9.00 Rise of the Continents. Iain Stewart examines the effect of Australia's formation and development on Aboriginal life, modern-day mining and the evolution of its unique wildlife.

10.00 Blackadder II. A bloodthirsty bishop menaces Edmund. (R)

10.30 Mock the Week. Topical comedy quiz, hosted by Dara O Briain. (R)

11.00 What a Load of Buzzcocks. Highlights of the comedy quiz and music news stories from Dara. (R)

11.30 Film: Valhalla Rising. (2009) Premiere. Adventure, starring Mads Mikkelsen.

12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.50 Holly City.** (R) **2.50 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10 Jake and the Neverland Pirates.** 6.25 The Hive. (5Y) **6.30 The Hoobz.** (R) **6.45 The Hoobz.** (R) **7.00 Traitors.** (R) **7.40 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.55 Dino Dan.** 4.40 **7.05 Canimals.** (R) **7.15 Canimals.** (R) **7.20 Almost Naked Animals.** (R) **7.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** 8.00 **Sonny with a Chance.** 8.25 **ITV News.** 8.30 Country House Sunday. 25.00 **Jeremy Kyle Show.** (USA) **9.10 20th Murder.** She Wrote. (R) **11.20 ITV News:** Weather. **11.30 Film:** Agatha Christie's The Man in the Brown Suit. (1989) **1.30 Love Your Garden.** (R) **2.30 A Touch of Frost.** (R) **4.35 Film:** Batteries Not Included. (1987)

6.35 Regional Programme;

6.45 ITV News: Weather.

7.00 The Great British Railway Stars. Kym Lomas, Ray Wiliamson and Dennis Taylor answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine, hoping to collect £20,000 for their chosen charity.

8.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. New series. The sleuth confronts dark magic while investigating the disappearance of a fellow holiday-maker in the Caribbean. Julia McKenzie stars, with Antony Sher and Robert Webb.

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.15 The Talent Show Story. The history of TV talent contests, beginning with Susan Boyle discussing her breakthrough on BGT, and how Will Young became Gareth Gates in Pop Idol. (R)

11.20 Drama Trials. **12.15 The Store.** 2.15 Monk. (R) **3.00 Motorsport UK.** 3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. **6.10 The Teacake People.** (R) **6.20 The Hobbs.** (R) **6.45 The Hobbs.** (R) **7.00 Traitors.** (R) **7.40 London Nocturne.** 8.30 **Frasier.** (R) **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** 12.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **12.55 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.25 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.55 The Simpson's.** (R) **2.25 Film:** The Three Musketeers. (1993) **2.45 Deal or No Deal.** 5.25 **Channel 4 News.** 5.55 **The Political Slot.**

6.00 Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold. (2009) The mischievous schoolgirls hunt for buried treasure after learning their headmistress is descended from pirates.

8.00 Terror in the Skies. Aeronautical engineer Brendan Walker looks at how the reliance on increasingly complex technology in planes could cause pilots to make new kinds of errors.

9.00 The Returned. The French supernatural thriller continues. Simon approaches Adele, only for Thomas to find out about his "return", while Camille finds herself unable to fit back into her family.

10.05 Film: District 9. (2009) A South African bureaucrat gets stranded in an internment camp meant to segregate alien refugees from the human population. Sci-fi, starring Jason Cope.

12.10 Film: Hustle & Flow. (2005) **2.10 Southland.** (R) **2.55 I Hate That Smile.** (R) **3.00 Location.** (R) **4.00 London.** (R) **4.35 Deal or No Deal.** (R) **4.50 Countdown.** (R) **5.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Film:** The Flowerpot Men. (2008) **6.25 Bubble Guppies.** (USA) **7.00 Chloe's Closet.** (R) **7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25 Noddy in Toyland.** (R) **7.40 City of Friends.** (R) **7.50 Bel and Ernie's Wild Adventures.** (R) **7.55 Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.20 Mao Mao.** (R) **8.25 Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.45 Rupert Bear.** (R) **9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.15 Toby's Travelling Circus.** (R) **9.30 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **9.45 Jelli Jamm.** (R) **10.00 The Men Show.** (R) **10.10 Power Rangers: Super Samurais.** (R) **10.45 ThunderCats.** (R) **11.10 William and Kate: Baby Makes Three.** (R) **1.10 Bit Brother: Secrets & Lies.** (R) **1.10 BOB: BOBS.** (R) **1.30 SuperNanny.** (R) **2.10 Film:** Dr Dolittle 3. (2006) **2.10 Film:** Daddy Day Camp. (2007) **5.45 News Weekend.** **5.50 Film:** Around the World in 80 Days. (2004)

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Rumpelstiltskin creates a new potion that allows him to cross the town border.

9.00 The Bradford Secret & Lies. Daily round-ups, highlights.

10.00 Film: As Good as It Gets. (1997) Romantic comedy drama, starring Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt.

12.45 Campus PD. **1.15 SuperCasino.** (R) **4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **4.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.00 Angels of Armageddon.** (R) **5.10 Home and Away.** (R) **5.25 Film:** Models of Faria. (R) **5.25 The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.50 Hana's Helpline.** (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be With You 7.30 Match of the Century. Mexico v Italy (Kicks off 8.30pm). **10.00 The Call Centre** 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!

BBC Four

7.00 The Dark Ages: An Age of Light 8.00 **The Review Show.** Fathers and Sons: Music for Father's Day 10.00 **Film:** My Afternoons with Marguerite

11.20 **What's Going On?** The Life and Death of Marvin Gaye

ITV2

2.25 **Film:** Dragonheart (1996) 4.00 You've Been Framed and Famous 5.40 **Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) 8.15 **Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 10.00 **The Only Way Is Essex.** 10.50 Big Rich Texas 11.50 Hell's Kitchen

ITV3

3.40 Inspector Morse 6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 David Jason's Greatest Escapes 9.00 **Film:** Meet Joe Black (1998)

ITV4

2.35 **Lonesome Dove.** 6.40 **Film:** Escape to Vitoria (1991) 9.00 **Film:** Species III (2004) Sci-fi horror sequel, starring Sunny Mabrey.

11.15 **Father's Day.** 11.40 **Film:** McVicar (1980)

E4

4.30 90210 5.30 **The Mindy Project.** 6.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** 7.30 **New Girl.** 8.00 **Film:** Hairspray (2007) 10.15 **The Inbetweeners.** 11.15 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.**

Film4

3.00 **Star Trek: Generations.** (1994) 5.15 **Diana of the Kite.** (2010) 7.15 **Big Mouths Have More Fun.** 9.00 **007 Casino Royale.** (2006) Thriller, starring Emma Bell. 10.50 **Saw (2004).** Horror, starring Carrie Elwes

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What's On!**Film Choices****MONDAY****Green Card, BBC1, 12.05am**

A French musician wanting to start a new life in America and a New York woman vie for the perfect flat, only to discover the owner will only rent it out to a married couple. The unlikely pair realise they can solve their problem by getting hitched. However, suspicious immigration officials keep a close eye on them, forcing them to actually live together – and eventually the marriage turns into true love. Romantic comedy, with Gerard Depardieu and Andie MacDowell. (1990)

TUESDAY**Biker Boyz, BBC1, 11.35pm**

The son of a mechanic killed in a crash is determined to honour his father's memory by becoming a champion motorcycle racer. However, the leader of the underground motorcycle club where his father worked refuses to let him join. Outraged, the young biker assembles his own team and vows to avenge the insult. Action drama, starring Laurence Fishburne, Derek Luke, Orlando Jones and Lisa Bonet. (2003)

**Biker Boyz, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.35pm****WEDNESDAY****Flight 93, Channel 4, 2.20am**

Fact-based drama about the events aboard the one plane used in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. After learning of the terrifying events at the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, the passengers realised what was happening and fought back to wrest control of the aircraft. Starring Jeffrey Nordling. (2006)

Columbo: A Stitch in Crime, ITV, 3am

The detective investigates the murder of a nurse, who was about to denounce a renowned cardiac surgeon for planning to murder the colleague helping him design a lucrative life-saving drug. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, Leonard Nimoy and Will Geer. (1973)

FRIDAY**The Deer Hunter, ITV, 10.35pm**

The lives of three American steelworkers and their families are torn apart in the wake of the Vietnam War. After enduring horrific treatment in a prison camp during the conflict, the three friends return to their homes but struggle to readjust to normal life. Oscar-winning drama, starring Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken, Meryl Streep, John Savage and John Cazale. (1978)

The Shipping News, BBC2, 11.05pm

A man struggling to rebuild his life after the death of his emotionally distant wife moves to a small town with his daughter and estranged aunt, where he undergoes a profound journey of self-discovery. Lasse Hallström's drama, starring Kevin Spacey and Julianne Moore. (2001)

Bringing Hollywood style to Peterborough

When you think of interior décor, what springs to mind? For most of us, it probably means a new lick of paint, or some wallpaper that doesn't unfortunately crack on the wall, and maybe if you're feeling flush, the odd piece of new furniture here and there.

Although it's a profession that's been around for many a moon, probably many of us hadn't paid much attention to the idea of employing such a person until Changing Rooms came along in 1996 and made stars of the likes of Linda Barker, Laurence Lewellyn-Bowen and Anna Ryder Richardson.

For many years, Carol Smillie looked on as they and their colleagues cleaned out people's living rooms or bedrooms, took a humongous piece of MDF and transformed the place into a palace.

It rarely looked as if their efforts could withstand a gust of air created by a slamming door, but for the five minutes they were on camera, they were pretty good.

Changing Rooms' success meant heaps of copycats series followed in

its wake, although in recent years, the home makeover genre has largely fallen out of the spotlight. But that could all about to change. That's because Martyn Lawrence Bullard is heading to our screens in **Hollywood Me, Channel 4, Wednesday, 8.00pm**.

He's spent years working his way up Los Angeles's society ladder via his profession as an interior designer, and now boasts a client list that includes Elton John, Cher, Aaron Sorkin, the Osbournes and Christina Aguilera – eat your heart out, Linda!

Martyn has also presented several US shows, and now he's bringing his unique style to **Channel 4** for this six-part series – and we're promised that his contributions will please their home's owner, and transform it for many years to come.

"Martyn is one of Hollywood's most sought-after and flamboyant interior designers and we are delighted that he is bringing his unique touch of eccentricity and celebrity glamour to unsuspecting members of the British public," says Channel 4's Dominic Bird.

Each edition will see Martyn jetting a British resident to California for a

Pick of the Week**Martyn Lawrence Bullard, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm****Best of the Rest****Monday**
Long Lost Family
ITV, 9pm

Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell return for this tear-jerking series that reunites, well, long-lost family members. But it's the latter for whom this first episode is going to hit rather close to home. Nicky was adopted as a child, and is now a patron of the British Association for Adoption and Fostering. He meets fireman Alan Ross-Harper who's searching for his birth mother who gave him up for adoption in 1958. Keep the tissues handy, as Davina pays a visit to reunite the mother and son. Meanwhile, 68-year-old Susan Udy is desperate to find the daughter she gave up for adoption when she was 21.

Tuesday
Something for Nothing
Channel 4, 8pm

Times are hard. Of course you don't need that pointing out – you're reminded every time you check your bank balance – which is why this little treat has dropped into the schedules at just the right time. Consumer journalist Harry Wallop is on a mission to find out how to live well, without spending a single penny. He's set himself the challenge of looking good, spending a night on the town and throwing a big shindig for the whole community... on a budget of absolutely nothing. The programme is bursting with tips on how to grab cash-free bargains and features some of the most successful freebie finders in the country, including Martha who bagged herself £26,000 worth of wedding freebies.

Frankie
BBC1, 9pm

Gemma Redgrave is no stranger to medical dramas – she used to be the star of *Bramwell*, the tale of a pioneering Victorian female doctor, who was constantly being belittled by her male colleagues. However, Frankie has given her a chance to play the smooch medico who's lost touch with her patients' needs for a change, as Dr Evans once again butts heads with our feisty district nurse. In the last in the current series, Frankie is frustrated when Nicky, a patient suffering from systemic lupus is told she is fit to work and has her benefits cut. Meanwhile, Dr Evans' solution is to prescribe her steroids so she can get through a shift at the supermarket.

Wednesday
Rhys Jones's Wildlife Patrol
BBC1, 7.30pm

Rhys Jones is a scientific consultant at Cardiff University who works with the police, wildlife groups and concerned members of the public in the fight to save our animals from humans, and humans from animals. Around half his work takes place in the field, investigating wildlife crime, while the other half is spent dealing with the conflicts caused when humans insist on dealing with the animals themselves. This new series, first broadcast in BBC Wales, follows his investigations into animal cruelty.

Love and Marriage
ITV, 9pm

Ken (Duncan Preston) fakes illness in an attempt to win Pauline (Alison Steadman) back. However, she ignores his efforts and goes to a posh hotel with her new partner Peter. Meanwhile, a cash-strapped Kevin (Stewart Wright) pinches money from a deceased pensioner. When his mischiefs finally catch up with him, Sarah (Ashley Jensen) is stunned by the lies and dreads the fact her husband could be heading for prison.

Thursday
Airport Live
BBC2, 8pm

Documentary series *Airport* finished its run for good way back in 2008 (Jeremy Spake – remember him? – certainly has a lot to be thankful for since the show thrust him into mild celebrity status). However, this latest series of *Airport Live* has shown that we've not lost our appetite for all things aviation. The team pitch up at Heathrow for the final time, as Dan Snow finds out if he has what it takes to become an air traffic controller, while Anita Rani discovers how planes might offer a quieter future.

**Would I Lie to You?, Friday, BBC1, 8.30pm****VIA THE VERY SCENIC "HEART OF WALES"****ROUTE,****BREAKING IN CARMARTHEN &****KIDWELLY & RETURNING VIA THE "WELSH****MARCHES"****WE RUN DIRECT FROM:****HEREFORD,****LEDBURY,****GREAT MALVERN,****WORCESTER,****DROITWICH,****BARTON GREEN,****WALSALL &****WOLVERHAMPTON**

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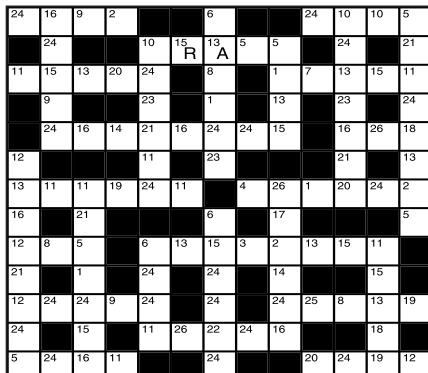
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What's On!**Brain Gym**

No.225

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	K	W	R	A	C	Y	Z	O	V	G	M	I	L
14	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15
15	B	P	Q	S	J	D	T	X	E	U	F		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Double Crossword

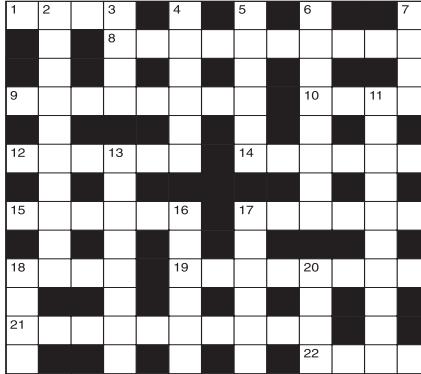
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

- 1 & 10 Ac. It's a disadvantage to retreat (4,4)
8. Being in another country, I repeat tax fiddle! (10)
9. Fellow craftsman? (8)
10. See 1 Across
12. Shocking scares - the gentle touch is needed (6)
14. The record will require only a small amount of time (6)
15. Was consistent with a bad habit at table (6)
17. Gaming-piece built to withstand attack (6)
18. A kind of box, but not for clothing (4)
19. Having no rash (8)
21. Those blooming plots! (6-4)
22. A bit of joint ownership for a sizeable community (4)

Down

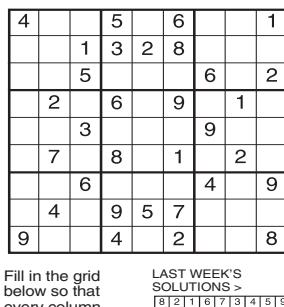
2. The correct aspect is a matter of precise degree (5-5)
3. To be in full cry? (4)
4. To strike father back causes a shock (6)
5. Current line of fast-moving vehicles (6)
6. Breaks up the orchestras? (8)
7. A number of cards providing a kind of hand (4)
11. Stock market display in which bulls but not bears will feature! (6-4)
13. Sounds as though I scan through the books, but they're a little above the pupils (8)
16. Not a fertile place to leave (6)
17. Mob round the East shouted triumphantly (6)
18. A natural aptitude is present (4)
20. Survive after everybody else (4)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

1. Blackleg (4)
8. Power of command (10)
9. Contour line of equal temperature (8)
10. Uniform (4)
12. Climb (6)
14. To moderate (6)
15. Let (6)
17. Strangeness (6)
18. Sore on the eyelid (4)
19. Middling (8)
21. Merge (10)
22. Require (4)

Down

2. Compatible (10)
3. Blemish (4)
4. Obvious (6)
5. Allow (6)
6. Respected (8)
7. Twirl (4)
11. Voters (10)
13. Coming from the east (8)
16. Lower (6)
17. Severe trial (6)
18. Break suddenly (4)
20. Begin (4)

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	3	9	1	4	8	2	7	6	7
4	6	7	5	2	9	1	3	8	5
9	1	5	8	3	6	4	2	7	6
7	4	2	9	3	5	6	8	1	7
6	1	3	7	8	4	5	9	2	4
2	7	8	3	5	6	9	1	4	5
1	5	6	4	9	7	8	2	3	6
3	9	4	8	1	2	7	6	5	1

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Atoll; 9 Scruple; 9 Embrace; 10 Totem; 12 False hopes; 15 Interprets; 18 Looks; 19 Fall out; 21 Athlete; 22 Siren. Down: 1 Career girl; 2 Doubt; 3 Plea; 4 Assess; 5 Crotchet; 6 Epiphany; 11 Music stand; 13 Arrested; 14 Atrophy; 16 Rafter; 17 Board; 20 Lost; QUICK - Across: 7 Moody; 8 Arbour; 9 Opened; 10 Tempt; 12 Stentorian; 13 Incendiary; 18 Naive; 19 Undergo; 21 Revolve; 22 Brief. Down: 1 Impudent; 2 Bonus; 3 Grief; 4 Assess; 5 Abattoir; 6 Tumultuous; 7 Iron; 8 Soliloquy; 13 Tenderly; 14 Achieve; 16 Inured; 17 Train; 20 Debt.

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En suite

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- ◆ Ideal buy to let
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VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Inner terraced house built c.1900
- ◆ Some double glazing
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (not tested)
- ◆ In need of general improvement
- ◆ EPC RATING: 49



26 HUCKER CLOSE,
PLECK, WALSALL
FREEHOLD WITH
VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Mid terraced house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ In need of comprehensive modernisation
- ◆ EPC RATING: 48



66 EDINBURGH AVENUE,
BENTLEY, WALSALL
FREEHOLD WITH
VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Three bedroom semi detached house
- ◆ Gas central heating (not tested)
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ In need of renovation/improvement works
- ◆ EPC RATING: 44



425 WALSALL ROAD,
GREAT WYRLEY
FREEHOLD WITH
VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Link semi detached house
- ◆ Popular residential location
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Requiring refurbishment
- ◆ EPC RATING: TBC



10 HILL STREET,
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VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Detached house
- ◆ Conveniently located for Hednesford Town Centre
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- ◆ Possibly suitable for redevelopment (Subject to Planning Permission)
- ◆ EPC RATING: 1



53 & 55 HAZEL
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Spayer

Watch out for early signs of powdery mildew disease which could be rampant at this time of the year.

If leaves are showing a white powdery deposit on the leaves spray with a systemic fungicide straight away.

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If you've not been tempted to plant out your bedding plants already, see that they are planted as soon as possible.

This includes fuchsias, geraniums, zinnias, petunias and French marigolds.

A day before planting, thoroughly water the trays or pots of plants adding Miracle-Gro All Purpose Water Soluble Plant Food to the water.

In this way you will help the plants overcome the inevitable transplanting shock that results from root damage and exposure of the roots to drying sun and winds. ants in the evening when the sun is near the horizon, so that the water droplets do not get a chance to make scorch marks on tender new leaves.

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while on the ground floor the lounge measuring 15ft 4in by 13ft 5in has gas fireplace with marble effect hearth, with a dining room which is 10ft by 7ft 8in.

Cloakroom

The kitchen, 9ft 11in by 7ft 5in, has wall and base units, roll top work surfaces, stainless steel sink drainer, built-in double oven, gas hob and plumbing

for washing machine, and there is also a cloakroom with WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath with shower over, WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

Outside the rear garden is laid to lawn with a patio area.

Call Dixons on 01902 634497 for further details.

The property in Avon Drive is approached over a driveway to a garage with the front garden laid to lawn,

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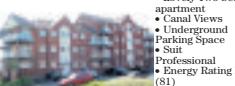


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- Four Bedrooms • Master with En-Suite • Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Garage • Off Road Parking • Pleasant Rear Garden

£180,000


WILLENHALL
STROUD AVENUE

- Much Improved Modern Style Semi Detached
- Impressive Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Shower Room • ENERGY RATING TBC
- Garage & Block Paved Driveway • Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing

£160,000


WILLENHALL
LITTLE ISLAND DRIVE

- Superb Well Appointed Modern Detached Residence
- Large Living Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Conservatory
- Three Bedroom • Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing • Energy Rating C
- Garage & Driveway • Delightful Rear Gardens

£157,000


WILLENHALL
HOWE CRESCENT

- Much Improved & Presented Detached Residence in Popular Location
- Lounge • Conservatory • Re-Fitted Kitchen • Utility & WC
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Shower Room & WC
- Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing • Energy Rating TBC
- Garage & Driveway • Pleasant Front & Rear Gardens

£102,000


WILLENHALL
VICTORIA STREET

- Impressive Modern Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Two Double Bedrooms • Bed Room
- Spacious Lounge • Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Driveway • Rear Gardens • Energy Rating 'C'

£95,000


WILLENHALL
GOUGH STREET

- Mid Terrace Property • Spacious Lounge & Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Double Glazing • ENERGY RATING TBC
- Driveway & Rear Gardens

£77,000


SHORT HEATH
POOLE'S LANE

- Brand New Detached Residence • Energy Rating TBC
- Lounge/Dining room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Four Good Size Bedrooms • Family Bathroom & En-Suite
- Gas Central Heating • UPVC double glazing
- Garage and driveway • Rear Gardens

Prices From £199,950

£185,000


SHORT HEATH
POOLE'S LANE

- Well Appointed Detached Residence
- Hall with WC, Large Lounge with D/F Area • Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Double Bedrooms • Superb Luxury Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing • Garage
- Delightful Extensive Rear Gardens • ENERGY RATING TBC

£170,000


WILLENHALL
OVERDALE DRIVE

- Spacious 3 Bedrooms detached bungalow • No Chain
- Large through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen • Bathrooms
- Gardens • Garage, drive & carport
- Energy rating 'D'

£149,950

£117,950


WILLENHALL
ELM STREET

- Pleasant and Spacious Detached property on corner plot
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge • Spacious dining kitchen
- Gas CH • Double glaz.
- Bathroom • Rear garden • Energy Rating 'D'

£109,950 OFFERS INVITED

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WILLENHALL
MOORE ROAD

- Traditional style semi-detached property • Two spacious reception rooms
- ENERGY RATING 'C' • Kitchen • Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom • Lobby/entree • Upvc double glazing • Garage to the rear
- Gas central heating • Double glazing • No chain

£105,000


WILLENHALL
WYCHBOLD CLOSE

- Modern Style End Terrace House • ENERGY RATING TBC
- Three Good Size Bedrooms • Family Bathroom
- Lounge • 14ft Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Upvc Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Enclosed Rear Garden • Communal Parking

£99,950


ESSINGTON
UPPER SNEYD ROAD

- Much Improved & Presented Detached Property • No Chain
- Lounge • Separate Kitchen • Re-Fitted Kitchen • Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathrooms
- Double Glazing • Gas Heating • Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden • Energy Rating 'D'

£182,500

NEW INVENTION
MOXHULL CLOSE

- Well presented and terraced property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge • Spacious dining kitchen
- Gas CH • Double glaz.
- Bathroom • Rear garden • Energy Rating 'D'

£149,950

£117,950

WILLENHALL
ELM STREET

- Pleasant front and rear garden
- Garage, off road parking • Large lounge • Dining area
- Three Double Bedrooms • Loft
- Two Parking Spaces • No Chain • Gas CH, Double Glaz.

£109,950 NO CHAIN

WILLENHALL
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£105,000

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£99,950


NEW INVENTION

- Pleasant one bedroom semi • Two Receptions
- Fitted Kitchen • Pleasant Rear Garden • Off road parking
- Gas central heating • Double Glazing • Energy Rating 'D'

£87,950 OFFERS

WILLIHEALL
SHORT HEATH
POOLE'S LANE

- Superb detached property • 3 bedrooms • Energy C
- Spacious lounge • Dining kitchen • Luxury Bathroom
- Shower Rm • Double Glaz., Gas CH • Driveway, Garden

£119,950

£109,950 NO CHAIN

BENTLEY

- Extended Traditional Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Energy E • Two Receptions • Fitted Kitchen • 3 BedRooms
- Gas CH • Double Glazing • Gardens • Garage, Driveway

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DARVEL RD, WILLENHALL Immaculately Presented Three Bed Link Detached Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Stylish Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Tandem Garage, Carport, Driveway & Landscaped Gardens. Must View To Appreciate. £149,995	ABERFORD CLOSE, WILLENHALL Five Bed Semi Detached Having Spacious Kitchen, Dining Room, Family Bathroom, Separate Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Front & Rear Gardens, Cul-De-Sac Location. £174,995	DOVEDALE AVE, WILLENHALL Immaculately Presented Three Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Modern Refitted Kitchen With Integrated Appliances, Conservatory, Refitted Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Block Paved Driveway. MUST BE VIEWED. £144,995	SANDRINGHAM AVE, WILLENHALL Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hallway, Through Lounge/Diner, Extended Fitted Kitchen, Refitted Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. £124,995				
MORRIS AVE, BENTLEY Three Bed Semi Detached Property Having Entrance Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Generous Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking. In Need Of Some Modernisation. Ideal FTB Or Buy To Let. £94,995	DIBBLE CLOSE, WILLENHALL Well Presented Three Bed Mid Town House Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Modern Kitchen Diner, Family Bathroom, Separate W.C., C/Heating, D/Glazing, Parking To The Rear. Ideal FTB Or Buy To Let. £94,500	VICTORIA STREET, WILLENHALL Recently Refurbished Two Bed End Of Terrace Property Comprising Of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Rear Hall, Ground Floor Bathroom With Shower, Two Double Bedrooms, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden And Generous Side Plot. £74,995	BLOXWICH RD, LEAMORE Spacious Two Bed Semi Detached Having Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms With Fitted Wardrobes, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Off Road Parking. £104,995				
PINFOLD ST, DARLASTON One Bed Ground Floor Flat Having Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Fitted Bathroom With Walk In Shower/Bath, C/Heating And D/Glazing. £59,995	DEVON ROAD, WILLENHALL Spacious First Floor Two Bedroom Flat Comprising Of Lounge, Fully Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC Double Glazing, Central Heating, Communal Garden And Secure Parking. £74,995	BLOXWICH RD SOUTH, WILLENHALL Well Presented Two Bedroom End Town House, Having Porch, Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing And Electric Storage Heaters. IDEAL FTB. £79,995	VICTORIA ST, WILLENHALL Well Presented Two Bed Victorian Mid Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen With Utility Area, Two Double Bedrooms, Modern Family Bathroom, C/Heating D/Glazing. £78,995	REGENT ST, WILLENHALL Well Presented Two Bed End Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Cul-De-Sac Location. IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. £84,995	COLTHAM RD, SHORT HEATH Fully Refurbished Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Lounge, Separate Kitchen, Separate Utility, Ground Floor W.C., Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing & Gas C/Heating. GREAT FTB £92,500	CONSORT DRIVE, DARLASTON Two Bedroom Mid Town House Comprising Of Spacious Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden. Great First Time Buy! £92,500	DIBBLE CL, WILLENHALL Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Separate W.C., Modern Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden. £95,000
PINFOLD ST EXTENSION, DARLASTON Victorian Two Bed Semi Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor W.C., Two Double Bedrooms, Modern Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Generous Rear Garden. £109,995	ALBION RD, W-HALL Large Four Bed Victorian End Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen With Integrated Appliances, Four Double Bedrooms, Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. £142,995	OAK ROAD, WILLENHALL Well Presented Three Bed Traditional Semi Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner/Sitting Room, Family Bathroom, Part Double Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Off Road Parking. Sought After Location. NO CHAIN. £124,995	BENTLEY LANE, WILLENHALL Modern Refreshed Three Bed Semi Having Lounge, Stylish Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating And Landscaped Garden. MUST VIEW. £124,995	ANDREW DRIVE, SHORT HEATH Well Presented Two Bed Semi Detached Bungalow Having Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Central Heating, Detached Garage And Tarmacadam Driveway. £124,995	PEACH ROAD, WILLENHALL Immaculate Two Bed Semi, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Family Bathroom, Integral Garage, UPVC Double Glazing, Central Heating, Front And Rear Garden. Must View! Canal Access. £129,995	FARBROOK WAY, WILLENHALL Three Bed Semi On The Popular Summer Hayes Estate Having Entrance Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Fitted Bedroom, Double Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. £129,995	WILLENHALL STREET, DARLASTON Well Presented Four Bedroom Extended Semi, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Utility Area, W.C., Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved Driveway, Garage. £134,995
SWEET BRIAR LANE, WILLENHALL Well Presented Three Bed Semi Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Spacious Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage And Driveway. £134,995	PERTH RD, THE HAYES Two Three Bed Semi Having Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Separate Dining Room/Bed Three, Ground Floor Wetroom/Utility, Additional Ground Floor Bedroom, Spacious Bed On First Floor, Family Bathroom, 20ft Loft Storage Room, Detached Garage & Carport, D/Glazing, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Driveway. £139,995	ADA WRIGHTON CL, WILLENHALL Immaculate Three Bed Link Detached, Hall, Large Through Lounge/Diner, W.C., Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Shower Room, Garage For Storage Only. C/Heating, D/Glazing, Driveway. £147,995	SOMERFORD CL, CHESLYN HAY Four Bed Detached Property Having Lounge, Modern Kitchen, Double Glazing, W.C., Master Bedroom, En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Tandem Garage, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Sought After Location. £160,000	JAMES STREET, WILLENHALL Four Bed Detached Property Having Lounge, Modern Kitchen, Double Glazing, W.C., Master Bedroom, En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Tandem Garage, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Sought After Location. £184,995	ESSINGTON RD, ESSINGTON Four Bed Detached Property Having Entrance Hallway, Conservatory, Double Glazing, W.C., Extended Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, Ground Floor Shower Room, Jacuzzi Bath, C/Heating, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Large Driveway. NO Chain. £189,995	MILL LANE, WILLENHALL Spacious Four Bed Detached Bungalow Having Entrance Hallway, Conservatory, Double Glazing, W.C., Extended Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, Guest Cloakroom, Garage, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Large Driveway. NO Chain. £219,995	WOOD LANE CL, W-HALL Spacious Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow Comprising Of Spacious Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Ground Floor Shower Room, Family Bathroom With Jacuzzi Bath, C/Heating, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden, Garage & Driveway. £249,995
MARKET PL, WILLENHALL Recently Refurbished Two Bed First Floor Flat Located On The Popular Market Place, Comprising Of Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen Diner, Bathroom, Two Good Sized Bedrooms, D/Glazing, Electric Heating. Must View! £375 PCM	WILLIAM BARROWS WAY, NEW INVENTION Modern One Bed First Floor Apartment Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Fitted Wardrobes, Double Glazing, Electric Heating And Two Car Parking Spaces. £395 PCM	VICTORIA STREET, NEW INVENTION Well Presented Two Bedroom Terrace Comprising Of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Modern Fitted Bathrooms, Two Spacious Bedrooms, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden. £475 PCM	RUGELEY AVE, NEW INVENTION Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Entrance Hallway, Through Lounge, Extended Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Enclosed Rear Garden. £500 PCM	KEYSMITH CLOSE, WILLENHALL Modern Two Bed Ground Floor Apartment Comprising Of Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Integrated Appliances, Two Good Sized Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom With Separate Shower Cubicle, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Allocated Parking. £500 PCM	LEVEN DR, COPPIE FARM Well Presented Mid Town House Located On The Popular Coppie Farm Estate Having Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, Two Double Bedrooms Master With Fitted Wardrobes, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Off Road Parking. £525 PCM	DOVEDALE AVE, WILLENHALL Well Presented Three Bed Semi Comprising Of Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Ground Floor W.C., Bathroom, C/Heating & D/Glazing, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. £525 PCM	SANDLAND ROAD, NEW INVENTION Spacious Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property Comprising Of Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Ground Floor W.C., Bathroom, C/Heating & D/Glazing, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. £575 PCM

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- A fully re-furbished 3 bed semi detached
- Spacious through lounge with fireplace
- New modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Utility room, Cellar, Guest shower room
- Large rear garden and driveway

**Walstead Road**

- Refurbished semi detached property
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- New modern family bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms 2 being doubles
- Fully enclosed rear garden with patio

**Old Masters Close,**

- A modern 3 bed end terrace
- 1 spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway and rear enclosed garden

**Broadstone Avenue**

- A modernised 2bed ground floor apartment
- 1 good size reception room
- New fitted kitchen with cooker/hob
- A pleasant bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Dss accepted, EPC rating C

**Broadway West**

- A re-decorated 3bed semi detached
- 1 Spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Driveway, Garage, EPC rating D

**Love Lane**

- A re-decorated 3bed end terrace
- 1 Spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- EPC rating D

**Darlaston Road**

- An excellent 3 bed end terrace
- A spacious lounge
- Large modern kitchen diner with cooker
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Shared garden, comes part furnished
- EPC rating E

**Weston Street**

- A fully re-decorated 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted rent in arrears for HB
- EPC rating D

**Brace Street**

- A fully re-furnished 2 bed terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted, EPC rating C

**Milton Street**

- A re-decorated 3bed mid terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant downstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden, Dss accepted

**Tudor House**

- 1 Bed first floor apartment
- Town centre location
- Spacious lounge
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern bathroom
- Dss accepted with guarantor

**Highgate Road**

- A re-furnished 4 bed detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- SORRY NO DSS, Garage & Driveway
- EPC rating D

**Rosehip Close**

- A modern 3 bed semi detached
- 2 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Guest WC and Driveway EPC rating D

**Broadway West**

- A superb 3 bed semi detached property
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Fully enclosed rear garden, Sorry No Dss

**Parish Court**

- A modern ground floor 2 bed apartment
- 1 Spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Allocated parking, 2 store rooms
- EPC rating B

**Terret Close, Walsall**

- A modern 2 bed apartment
- Open planned lounge/kitchen
- Fitted kitchen with some appliances
- Family bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- EPC rating C

**Victoria Street**

- A traditional 3bed mid terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Stylish upstairs family bathroom
- Rear garden, Dss accepted
- EPC rating D

**Liskeard Road**

- A fully refurbished 2 bed apartment
- 1 Spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Stylish upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Dss accepted, EPC rating D

**West Street**

- A fully refurbished 2bed mid terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- A good size modern fitted kitchen
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden and Dss accepted
- EPC rating E

**Crown Lofts,**

- A superb modern 1 bed 2nd floor apartment
- Open planned lounge/kitchen area
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker and hob
- Double Glazing and Electric Heating
- DSS accepted, Heating included
- EPC rating B

**Pimpernel Drive**

- A modern 2bed end terrace property
- 1 Spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted, Parking and rear garden

**Hereford Street**

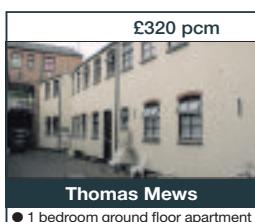
- A traditional 2 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen and side utility
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted, EPC rating E

**Bradford Street**

- A refurbished studio apartment
- A spacious lounge/bedroom area
- Brand new fitted kitchen with cooker
- Modern bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Town centre location

**Ablewell Street**

- A pleasant 1 bed apartment
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen with electric cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Secure key code entrance
- Town centre location

**Thomas Mews**

- 1 bedroom ground floor apartment
- One spacious living room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom with white suite
- Gas central heating throughout
- Town centre location, EPC rating E

**Church Street, Darlaston**

- A splendid 2nd floor studio apartment
- Spacious living area
- Modern fitted kitchen with appliances
- Gas central heating throughout
- Fully re-furnished, DSS accepted
- EPC rating C

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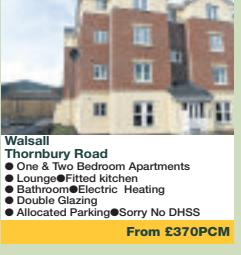
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Dismissal of Asif for 121 sees chase end

**Walsall Firsts 288-7
WB Dartmouth 251-8.
Match drawn.**

DARTMOUTH'S visit to Gorway to play local rivals Walsall proved a run feast. Walsall's total was made possible by an excellent 137 from wicketkeeper James Middleton, supported by Tim Maxfield (50). Brinder Phagura claimed three wickets. Dartmouth were in the chase until Zeeshan Asif was dismissed for 121.

Second XI
**WB Dartmouth 223-9
Shifnal 224-3**

Shifnal won by 7 wickets Half-centuries for Latif Ahmed, Adil Jiva and Shaun Roberto took Dartmouth to 223-9. Tom Shaw's 112 led Shifnal to the win.

Third XI
**Milford Hall 153
WB Dartmouth 108**

Milford Hall won by 45 runs A disappointing batting performance from the thirds led to defeat at Milford Hall after three wickets each for Amandeep Randhawa and Wahid Khan had seen Milford Hall bowled out for 153.

Fourth XI
**B-wood St Matthews 155
WB Dartmouth 144-9
Match Drawn**

Rahul Rana top scored for Dartmouth with 28 as the hosts finished 11 adrift with one wicket left.

Dragons fire to win over the Bulldogs

**Coventry Dragons 28
B-ham Bulldogs 14**

Despite a brisk start, Bulldogs were ultimately undone by the home side's greater forward strength, and the tenacity of the Dragons' defence in this rugby league clash.

Brum opened the scoring when Jamie Weller squeezed in at the corner, and his second try put Bulldogs further ahead.

A penalty took Dragons deep into Birmingham territory and, from the restart, they launched an attack that ended with Sam Bull crossing for a try that scrum half Stuart Lee goaled. However, Bulldogs still held an 8-6 half-time advantage.

Dragons began the second half with some purpose and a Ben Hands try, converted by Lee gave them the lead they were to keep. Lee added a try, which he goaled and a Danny Coleman touchdown was also converted.

Sam Edgar scored a try and conversion in reply to leave Bulldogs 24-14 behind.

But Dragons had the last word as Coleman crossed for his second try.

McCarey in Irish call-up

WOLVES keeper Aaron McCarey is celebrating after winning his first senior Ireland call-up.

The 21-year-old, who has yet to make a first-team appearance for Wolves, was included in Giovanni Trapattoni's 19-man squad for Ireland's friendly with Spain at New York's Yankee Stadium last night (Wednesday).

McCarey, who would be fourth choice at Molineux when all the keepers are fit, has been promoted from Noel King's under-21s.

His only senior experience so far has been four matches on loan at AFC Telford in spring 2011 and 14 League One games over two loan spells at Walsall last season,

Holden signs to play on and to coach



Target - Dean Holden

DEAN HOLDEN has expressed his desire to follow in the coaching footsteps of Walsall boss Dean Smith.

The 33-year-old centre-back has pledged his immediate future to the Saddlers by signing a new one-year contract.

And as part of the deal, Holden will also take his first step into coaching, becoming the club's pro-development coach, overseeing players aged between 18 and 21.

Smith was also 33 when he took up his first coaching role in charge of Leyton Orient's youth team and Holden revealed how he has turned to the Saddlers boss for guidance.

Holden said: "Getting into the

Saddlers

coaching side of the game is something that I have been speaking to the gaffer about for a few months now.

"He had the same thoughts as me in the latter stages of his playing career and was presented with a similar opportunity at the same age, so he's been mentoring and guiding me."

"This is an unbelievable opportunity for me to prolong my playing career and also take my first steps into coaching."

Holden has recently been study-

ing for his A licence in Scotland and also spent time working with Walsall's academy manager Neil Woods and head of coaching Graham Biggs at the end of the season.

Despite the extra responsibility, Holden is determined to play an important role on the pitch next season as Walsall look to improve on last term's ninth-placed finish in League One.

Meanwhile, crisis club Coventry

City have now been told they can play at their current ground for free - news which should end speculation about a possible ground-sharing deal with Walsall.

Arena Coventry Limited (ACL),

which owns the Ricoh Arena, has informed the Football League that the troubled Sky Blues can play at the stadium without paying rent.

City, who are currently in administration, had been in discussions with the Saddlers about playing home games at the Banks's following a rent dispute with ACL.

Sky Blues chief executive Tim Fisher last week confirmed they were in talks with three Football League clubs about possible ground sharing.

Coventry had claimed they had no choice but to share with another club for three seasons while they build another ground.

Student beaten in bid to hit Jackpot



Matthew Dennant
Picture, Lawrence Lustig/PCP

TWO-TIME world darts champion Adrian Lewis proved too strong for university student Matthew Dennant at the UK Open in Bolton.

Dennant, from Walsall, had won two matches to reach last night's third round but 'Jackpot' Lewis showed his class to ease to a 9-1 success.

Wolverhampton builder Dean Stewart also went out of the tournament at the Reebok Stadium after a 9-5 defeat to Adrian Gray, who lost to eventual winner Phil Taylor.

Elsewhere, Robert Thornton began the defence of his title in the £200,000 event with a 9-7 win over Northamptonshire's emerging star Matthew Edgar.

Meanwhile, four-time UK Open champion Taylor whitewashed Ronny Huybrechts 9-0, hitting two 11-darters, a 115 finish and averaging 104 in a dominant display.

Two-time winner Raymond van Barneveld missed double 12 for a nine-dart finish as he edged past new World Youth Champion Michael Smith 9-8.

Ladies team sets up and starts trials

WALSALL Ladies U13s football team is setting up a new side for next year to play in the Central Warwickshire Girls league.

The team will be holding trials on Saturday (June 15) from 10.30am-12.30pm at King George's Playing Fields, Stafford Road.

The team will be managed and coached by a Walsall boy's centre of excellence Coach UEFA B accredited and a Female FA Level 2 coach who has previously worked with Aston Villa Ladies and managed Walsall Ladies for two years.

Successful trialists will be asked to attend further training sessions and if player and parents are happy, will progress to the squad.

For more details contact walsallgirlsfc@hotmail.co.uk or tweet @walsallu13s.

Champs lose in T20 clash

WALSALL were knocked out of the ECB National T20 tournament in the first round by Tamworth.

The Birmingham League champions were edged out by the Division Three side following a thrilling day of action at Himley's Stourbridge Road ground on Sunday.

Walsall had earlier beaten the hosts in the opening semi-final of the day, while Tamworth had won through against Division One Old Hill.

And it was the Staffordshire side who made it through to the next round as they were victorious in the final.

High-five as lads lift schools' trophy at Banks's



The Brierley Hill & District Schools Under-13s celebrating their win after the final



The Brierley Hill & District schools under-13s football team have had another successful season claiming the English Schools FA Area 5 Walsall FC Challenge Cup which was played at The Banks's Stadium, Walsall. The youngsters beat Aston, Erdington & Saltley 1-0 in a close-fought final.

Austrian ace Weimann pens new Villa deal

ANDI WEIMANN has vowed to repay Villa after he put pen to paper on a new three-year deal.

The striker has handed the club a major summer boost and immediately pledged to prove his worth at Villa Park.

Norwich and Newcastle were interested in the Austrian ace, who had a year left on his old deal, as Villa made it a priority to keep the 21-year-old.

He signed an improved deal, which keeps him at the club until 2016.

"I feel like I owe the manager and the club because the manager backed me last season after he came in," Weimann said.

"I have always felt comfortable and really supported at the club."

The supporters, too, have been brilliant with me and they've really taken to me which I'm delighted about. It means every-

thing to know you have support like that. The whole team feels the same way.

"It's great to be a part of an exciting future at Villa. I'm sure the manager will bring in more new faces to help us and this will make us stronger."

"We stuck together last season and having so many young players helped because we grew together as a team and improved as well as players. That's why I want to continue to do my best for the club," added Weimann.

"I'm really happy I've signed. I love the club and it's been brilliant for me. I have a feeling of being at home here."

Weimann scored 12 goals in 38 appearances last term as Villa beat the drop and the former Rapid Vienna youngster admitted he was surprised at his progress.

"On a personal level, I didn't expect at the

start of the season that it would go the way it did, with me being involved and starting games almost the whole of the way through," he said.

"It was exciting to be part of the team's development because the potential within this young, exciting team is really strong."

"The last months of the season we played really well and got better and better as the season went on. Hopefully, we can continue on like we finished and that will be the challenge."

Breakthrough

"Like the other young players in the team, I want to keep improving as a player and keep pushing Villa as high as we can in the Premier League."

The Austrian international forward, back

country against Sweden last week, also acknowledged that he "owes the manager and the club" having been trusted by Paul Lambert to play in 38 games in all competitions in his breakthrough season.

"I've been here for six seasons now, having started with the Academy in 2006, and last season was tremendous for me and terrific for the team the way we played over the second half of a really demanding campaign."

Weimann's new deal comes after Nathan Baker penned a new three-year agreement on Thursday and the club are looking to talk terms with Ciaran Clark.

The defenders, who came through the Villa ranks, helped the side retain their Premier League status last season.

And boss Lambert insisted young players will get their chance at Villa.

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Boost is just the ticket for Baggies

ALBION have thanked hard-pressed fans after a season-ticket boost.

More than 16,000 Baggies supporters have now booked their seats for the next campaign after last week's deadline for renewals.

That beats the figure at the same stage a year ago and leaves Albion hopeful their price freeze will continue to mean a packed-out Hawthorns next season.

By the time the last campaign kicked off, Albion had sold more than 18,000 season tickets and when the half-season figures were added in January, that figure had passed 19,000.

In a tough time for supporters grappling with the recession, Albion are delighted to be holding on to their core support.

Chief executive Mark Jenkins said: "We have frozen season ticket prices across the board from last season and we're delighted with the response of the supporters."

"They have again shown tremendous loyalty to the club during what are tough economic times."

The number of season tickets we have sold is just ahead of the amount of bookings we had at the same stage 12 months ago, which led to our best season ticket sales for four years."

Adult prices start at £359, under-17s at £105, under-21s/students at £205 and seniors at £279 in the two popular Birmingham Road and Smethwick Ends.

Adult prices in the East Stand range from £409 to £459 while the West Stand has an all-age group price of £459.

Signing off 40 years on

WALSALL community director and goalkeeping coach Mick Kearns has announced his retirement.

The 62-year-old, who made more than 300 appearances in goal for the Saddlers, is stepping down from both roles after four decades of service.

Kearns has been in charge of the club's community project since 1989.

He said: "The time is right for me to announce my retirement. It's almost 40 years to the day since I first set foot into the club."

Deputy Adam Davy will take over, though Kearns will become a matchday host and club ambassador.

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FIRSTS still lead way after high-scoring draw

Rushall 1XI v Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton 258-7, Winning
Draw Rushall 247-7

RUSHALL maintained their top of the table position, with a high scoring draw against Wolverhampton.

Wolverhampton won the toss and elected to bat, and they got off to an excellent start with Sid Hassan (42) and Nareed Raza (49) putting on a 100-run opening partnership in the Staffs Club Division Two match.

Hassam Toueer then picked up the baton hitting a quick-fire 61.

Rushall Cricket Club

The introduction of Ian Clayton to the bowling slowed the scoring down as he started to take wickets and he finished with figures of 5-62.

The Wolverhampton total was given a final boost with a quick fire 45 not out by Rohir Tengu. The Rushall reply started slowly, but positively with Andy Beech (42) leading the way.

Scott Peach gave the big push to the Rushall reply as he set about the Wolverhampton bowling hitting 86 valuable

runs. Peach got excellent support from Rich Edge (49 not out), which gave Rushall an excellent chance of victory. But the loss of Peach meant Rushall fell just short and had to settle for a losing draw.

Rushall 2XI v Hammerwich 3XI
Hammerwich 219-8 Rushall 110 all out. Hammerwich won by 119 runs

Rushall 2XI in Division Three slipped to a poor defeat against local Rivals Hammerwich i. Rushall won the toss and invited Hammerwich to bat.

Opener Steve Fisher showed how to bat

on the artificial wicket and he hit a controlled 81, and acting as the backbone to the Hammerwich innings.

His support came from Vinny Patel (26) as they posted a total of 219-8.

Rushall found their reply hard going as their unfamiliarity with batting on artificial tracks showed. Only the vast experience of Matt Merrick (30) and youthful dynamics of Nick Dennant (20) showed any resistance as Rushall slumped to a 109-run defeat. Fisher showed his experience with the ball as well as finishing with figures of 4-15.

Boss joy at twins' new deal

DEAN SMITH'S plans for next season have taken a big step forward as twins Adam and James Chambers both signed new deals.

Defender James has penned a new one-year deal while midfielder Adam has inked a two-year contract following successful negotiations with the Saddlers.

They join defender Dean Holden in pledging their futures to the club.

Boss Smith is now just waiting for decisions from defender Ben Purkiss and strike trio Craig Westcarr, Fabian Brandy and Will Grigg.

The manager said the 32-year-old former Albion twins were both excellent role models to younger players in his squad.

Adam has been at the Saddlers for the past two seasons after making more than 200 appearances for Leyton Orient. James arrived last summer on trial before originally signing on non-contract forms to help the club through a defensive crisis.

"I'm really pleased that they have both signed new deals," said Smith.

"They are fantastic professionals and good people to have around the place."

Wolves put £4m price on Sako

WOLVES have set a minimum price of £4m on want-away Player of the Year Bakayoko.

The club have received serious interest in the winger from Fulham and at least one other Premier League club, plus an unnamed Champions League qualifier.

The 25-year-old cost £3m from St Etienne last August.

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TIMMINNS LOOKS TO PUT VILLA ON MAP

FOR a player who was at LA Galaxy during David Beckham's time there, Craig Timmins admits he is getting just as much of a buzz from his appointment as manager of Pelsall Villa in Midland Combination Premier Division.

"This is a fantastic opportunity, one that excites me as much as anything I have done in my career, including being at LA Galaxy during what was a crazy time for the club," said the former Walsall youngster.

"I feel honoured to be given the chance to manage a club that is well-known in the local area and has such a long and proud history."

Opportunity

"There is a real buzz around the place and I will be doing all I can to make the most of the opportunity that I have been given here, for which I am extremely grateful to Shaun Mason and Mark Bentley."

"Football is my life and I intend to bring organisation, commitment, experience and desire to the role."

"I have been involved in coaching since the age of 17 and have gained plenty of experience both in this country and over in America where I played and coached for a few years."

"I see this as the next step for me; I want to put my ideas and philosophies on the game into practice to take Pelsall Villa onto the next level and firmly establish the club on the non-league map by being successful and winning things." Timmins, who was

"able to call upon the experience of Mark Bentley, who has become club development manager, and support staff who are all determined to help move this club forward."

Timmins' first game will come as a Walsall FC XI come to The Bush on Wednesday, July 3rd (kick-off 7.45pm).

Wolves battle back and dodge a Hammering



Wolves' Freddie Lindgren leads Lakeside Hammers pair Kevin Doolan and Piotr Swiderski as the Monmore men's 50-40 win kept them top of the Elite League. Picture: John Hipkiss Photography

GUTSY Wolves brought Lakeside's six-match winning streak to a halt - despite trailing by eight points.

The Hammers, led by Monmore Green legend Peter Karlsson, looked likely to extend their victorious Elite League run.

Skipper Freddie Lindgren joined forces with guest Scott Nicholls for a further maximum in heat 15 to earn all three league points.

The home side were eight down after just five races. But Lindgren

through Lakeside's Davey Watt and surprise package Richard Lawson in a scintillating move on lap one to join Lindgren at the front and send the home fans into raptures after they had trailed for much of the meeting.

Brothers Freddie and Ludvig combined to halve the deficit in heat six, before Jacob Thorsell and Nicholls made it back-to-back 5-1s.

Wolves edged ahead in heat 12, when Californian ace Ricky Wells led home a 4-2.

Wolves' Scott Nicholls 11+1, Freddie Lindgren 10+, Adam Skornicki 10, Ludvig Lindgren 8+, 2, Ricky Wells 6+1, Jacob Thorsell 5+1, Lakeside's Paul Lindgren 12+1, Peter Karlsson 12, Lakeside 6+2, Sebastian Ulamik 5, Davey Watt 2+1, Kevin Doolan 2, Piotr Swiderski 1.

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